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- Minutes, 11mo., 1844 to 2mo., 1885. (Laid in, extracts from Minutes of South Kingstown Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders.)
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- Minutes, 5mo., 1880, to 8mo., 1891.
- Minutes, 11mo., 1891, to 8mo., 1905. (Laid in, 3 items)

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- Minutes, 8mo., 1923, to 2mo., 1935.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Somerset, 11th Month 7th 1844.

The account from Swansey Monthly Meeting being present (and owing to the present state of our Society the other Monthly Meetings fail of reporting to us the present time) the representatives therein named are Thomas Wilber, Philip Tripp, Oliver Chace, Miller Chace, & Amos C Wilber who are all present.

The representatives now in attendance have proposed to the Meeting, that Thomas Wilber be chosen its Clerk, and that Charles Perry be chosen assistant Clerk, which Meeting the approbation of Friends they are appointed to those services for the ensueing Year, or until others are appointed in their places.

William Slade, Thomas Foster and Amos C Wilber are appointed to prepare a Minute briefly siting forth our present condition, and the grounds of our proceedings, and who after being absent for a time presented the following statement, viz.

Friends within the limits of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, who are concerned for the support of the Doctrines and Discipline of the Society, have painfully beheld for a considerable time past, a disposition on the part of some who have assumed to be the ruling members of said Quarterly Meeting to exercise undue authority in the administration of our discipline, tending to the abuse of order, and to Missrule therein; to the great injury of subordinate Meetings and individuals, in the privation of the rights and privileges which the Quarterly Meeting has conferred upon them, and to the dishonor of Truth, and the perversion of the Discipline thereby dictated. And those who have assumed this authority have also supported and defended a certain writer or writers of doctrines which are at variance with the long established principles of our Society. And furthermore have recently unauthorized by the Discipline, disturbed the peace of the ancient Swansey Monthly Meeting a branch of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and that

without cause or good reason, and have caused a part of the Members thereof, to separate from said Monthly Meeting, and have aided them in setting up a Spurious Monthly Meeting to the reproach of Truth and in direct violation of our Discipline. And the person who has for some time acted as Clerk of this Quarterly Meeting and some others have fully identified themselves with this spurious Monthly Meeting, by attending and supporting the same, and now by receiving their accounts and representatives and rejecting those from Swansey Monthly Meeting as it has been long established and still is continued.

Therefore we feel ourselves called upon "as those that are to give account" to testify against the course and proceedings of those ruling Members of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and their abettors calling themselves Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, for the reason that they have separated themselves as aforesaid and departed from the order of Society; and we have, as we feel ourselves in duty bound, continued together for the purpose of sustaining and holding the Ancient Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and transacting the business of it agreeable to Truth, our Discipline, and Christian justice.

Which being read and approved of, and directed to be recorded as a portion of the doings of this Meeting.

The Queries have been read at this time, and the first, second, & tenth succeeded by answers from Swansey Monthly Meeting, which are accepted by our Meeting.

A paper has been presented to this Meeting by the representatives, wherein they give a statement of the proceedings of divers persons in Swansey Monthly Meeting, which has been read approved of and ordered to be recorded, and which is as follows, viz.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting to be held at Somerset 7th of 11th Month 1844.

Dear Friends

We the undersigned Members of Swansey Monthly Meeting, having been appointed Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting, next to be held at Somerset, deem it incumbent on us to make the following statement as setting forth the

situation of our Monthly Meeting.

In the 4th Month last several persons attended our Monthly Meeting who are not members thereof; and in their interference with our concerns, they, together with a few of our Members, made their influence produce great disturbance. After the Men and Women had separated and the Clerk had taken his seat at the Table, for the purpose of opening the Meeting, and it might proceed to the transactions of its proper & legitimate business, one of those strangers proposed that the Clerk should immediately leave the Table, and that another person whom he named should take that seat and act as the Clerk of the Meeting; which proposition was acceded to by several other strangers, and a few of our Members. Some of these strangers, or persons not members of our Monthly Meeting, declared that they had authority to act in, and organize our Monthly Meeting, and assumed that they had a right to turn our Clerk from the Table, and to place another person there. This, to us, was an unprecedented assumption. For Friends generally knowing that the Clerk had been regularly chosen, and that the Meeting had never chosen another in his place, and that our accounts, signed by him, had always been received by the Quarterly Meeting, could see no just reason why he should be dismissed; could not, and did not consent that these measures should be carried into effect. Such an assumption we believe is unprecedented in the annals of our Society, even had they shown by written evidence that they were Members of the Society of Friends in some other parts. And again there appeared to us a gross inconsistency, in an attempt to organise anew our Monthly Meeting, which has been standing, and proceeding in a regular manner for many years, and our accounts and representatives having been received by the Quarterly Meeting, of which we are a subordinate branch, within one Month.

And least of all could a Monthly Meeting listen with any degree of approbation, to an invasion of this kind, by any Man, or Men; whatever pretentions to authority, or whatever power they might ~~they~~ profess to be clothed with, whilst they peremptorily

refused to show to the Meeting, any written credential, delegating to them that authority. For they were called upon, by some of our members, to inform us why they thus disturbed our Meeting, and meddled officiously with its concerns. And they were solicited, if so were so that they had any credentials, which gave them a right to take an active part in our Meeting, to produce them that they might be read by the Clerk, and considered by the Meeting. One of them said he had a paper, and made movements, as though he would produce it. But another of their number objected to its being produced, whereupon he refrained from doing so. And our Meeting had no written evidence that these men were Members of our religious society. But still they continued this kind of disturbance, and one of them taking David Shove by the arm led him to another seat, furnished him with a movable Table and encouraged him to write, and to ~~write~~, and to ~~read~~ various writings, which did not and could not (there produced by him) legitimately come under the cognizance of our Monthly Meeting.

After pursuing this course for a time, many of the strangers who were there, together with David Shove and some others of our Members, rose up in an unbecoming and disorderly Manner & left the Meeting and the House, declaring that the Meeting was adjourned. Whereas no such measure had been adopted by the Meeting or announced by its Clerk. But on the contrary the Clerk announced that the Meeting had not been adjourned, and requested that Friends would remain quiet.

It may not be improper to state, that the Clerk had opened the Meeting and proceeded to business previous to the time when David Shove commenced audibly reading, and was interrupted thereby, notwithstanding David Shove was several times solicited to be quiet.

And after those persons who had made disturbance had withdrawn from the House, the business of the Meeting was quietly proceeded in, as usual in our Monthly Meeting, until accomplished, and the Meeting closed in a weighty & becoming manner.

And furthermore we deem it right to inform the Quarterly Meeting, that some of those same strangers with others, have appeared at our subsequent Monthly Meetings in the 9th and 10th Months and have been acting and acting in a similar kind of disturbance to that before mentioned; encouraging David Shove to read various writings, to the great annoyance of the Meeting. And they have never, during this time, offered to our Monthly Meeting any certificate or minutes from any other body of Friends or any other person or persons by which they claimed a guarantee for the part they have taken in our Meetings. And that at these subsequent Meetings, they themselves withdrew, and induced some of our Members to withdraw, in a disorderly manner, before the business of the Meeting was finished. And that by the influence and encouragement, (as we believe) of these strangers, some of our Members have been induced to disturb our Womens Meeting, by entering there and conversing, in an audible manner, with one individual by addressing to them uncivil and profane language, while they were assembled and acting in the capacity of a Monthly Meeting.

Signed Thomas Wilbur
Oliver Chase
Miller Chase
Thos G. Wilbur
Philip Bishop.

It is concluded to appoint the following Friends viz. Othniel Foster, John Mitchell, Israel Buffington, Henry Gould, William Slade, Oliver Chase, Nathan Buffington, Thomas Wilbur, John T. Kenyon, Charles Perry and Thomas Foster a committee to attend the subordinate Meetings hereto belonging, acting therein in our behalf as circumstances may require and may open for, to advise and assist Friends in the right transaction of their business according to Discipline and good order, and report to our next Meeting.

Whereas Ethan Foster has appealed from the judgment of Greenwich Monthly Meeting in disowning him, to the judgment and decision of this Meeting, and the subject claiming our consideration, it is concluded to appoint Philip Tripp, Benonia Weaver, Wm Slade & Nathan Buffinton, a committee to hear the parties on the case and report their judgment therein to our next Meeting.

Amos C. Wilbur is appointed Treasurer of this Quarterly Meeting, for the ensuing year, or until another is appointed in his stead.

Thomas Wilbur Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 6th of the 2d Month 1845.

We have recd accounts from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives there in named are from Rhode Island John Mitchell, Thos B Gould, and Benoni Weaver, from Swansey Palmer Chace, Oliver Chace, Amos C. Wilbur, Seneca Lincoln & Israel Buffinton. for Providence Harvey Chace & John T. Kenyon, for Greenwich Thomas Foster & Geo C. Kenyon, who being called are all present except one, and for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Our Monthly Meetings have all presented answers to the first, second & tenth queries, which have been read subsequent to the Queries and are satisfactory to us.

The committee appointed at our last Meeting in the case of Ethan Fosters appeal from the decision of Greenwich Monthly Meeting presented the following report, viz.

which was read and after a time of deliberation thereon, was approved of and cordially received, and George C. Morgan & John Foster are appointed to inform Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of the doings of this meeting in the case.

The committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting, to visit the subordinate Meetings belonging presented the following report, which is accepted.

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and the committee ~~continued~~ with the addition of Isaac Fiske, Ethan Foster & Palmer Chace are continued for further service, and desired to extend such care in the further discharge of their duties, as best wisdom may direct, and report from time to time as circumstances may require and may opens for.

It appearing from the accounts this day presented from our Monthly Meetings, that many of the Preparative Meetings are in a state of Indulgination and neglect to forward their accounts to the Monthly Meetings, which claiming our consideration, it resulted in the conclusion to advise each Monthly Meeting, to take such action therein as circumstances may require, always acting according to Discipline and good order, and the Quarterly Meetings committee are requested to give such advice in the cases as they think proper.

We have received and read at this time a Printed communication purporting to have been issued by the Meeting for Sufferings in the 12th Month last, addressed to the Preparative, Monthly and Quarterly Meetings of Friends, within the limits of New England Yearly Meeting professing to give

an account of the Separation lately effected within the limits of this Quarterly Meeting, which together with a statement pertaining to the same subject also received from Swansey Monthly Meeting, we refer to our Friends, Charles Perry, Harvey Chace, Isaac Fiske, Ethan Foster, Geo C Kenyon, Thos Wilbur, Israel Buffinton, Thos Foster, Amos C Wilbur, Nathan Buffinton, John Mitchell, and Oliver Chace, desiring them to give the subject that careful & weighty consideration which its great importance requires, and prepare as way may open for it, and ability is afforded, an essay of an address to Friends of this Yearly Meeting and elsewhere setting forth the true grounds and causes which have led to the Separation as well as the necessity which we have felt to rest upon us to sustain the Quarterly Meeting and its subordinate branches upon their ancient foundation & report to a future sitting of this Meeting.

This Meeting unites with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John Mitchell to the Station of an Elder having the concurrance of the Womens Meeting herein, and we also concur with our Womens Meeting in their unity with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Catherine Mitchell to the same station, and we further concur with our Womens Meeting, in their unity with Greenwich Mo. Meeting in their approval of the public appearances in the Ministry of Hannah Carpenter, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the select Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this Minute.

Whereas several of our Monthly Meetings in their accounts, express desires of holding their Monthly Meetings at such places as circumstances and convenience seem to demand, it is concluded to leave said Monthly Meetings at liberty to hold their meetings as may appear to them best, under the advice and direction of the Quarterly Meetings committee, until our Meeting in the fifth Month next.

This Meeting concludes to adjourn, to meet at this place on 5th day the 6th of 3 Mo next at 11. O. Clock.

At Providence 3d Mo 6th 1845. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends met pursuant to adjournment, and the representatives being called all answered to their names, with the exception of two.

The committee appointed by this Meeting at its setting in the 2d Mo, to take into consideration the Circular then received, as issued by the Meeting for Sufferings in the 12th Month, and also a statement of facts, presented by Swansey Monthly Meeting, both relating to the recent separation within the limits of this Meeting, presented as their report, an address to Friends within our own Yearly Meeting and elsewhere, which has been read and approved, both by this and our Womens Quarterly Meeting, and both Clerks are directed to sign the same on our behalf; and Thos B. Gould, Charles Perry, Saml B Chace, Israel Buffinton, Thos Wilbur, Harvey Chace, Amos C Wilbur John T. Kenyon & Isaac C Kenyon, are appointed a committee to make such verbal alterations as may be necessary, and to have 5000 copies of said address Printed as soon as circumstances will admit of, and report the expense thereof to our next Meeting.

Israel Buffinton, John T Kenyon, Charles Perry, and Thomas B. Gould, are appointed a committee to apportion the Monies hereafter to be raised by this Meeting, between our respective Monthly Meetings, and report to our next Meeting, and propose a sum necessary to be raised to supply our Treasury.

Thomas B. Gould & Israel Buffinton are appointed to call on the former Clerk of this Meeting for the Books, records & papers in his hands, and report to our next Meeting.

Othniel Foster is appointed to receive the Minute made at our Meeting in the 2d Mo last on the subject of Select Members and to give said information to the Select Meeting

The Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th Month 1.st 1845.

At the usual hour for the meeting for Worship Friends assembled at the Meeting House, but found the doors closed and several persons standing on the steps who refused to allow them to enter the house; whereupon notice was given that the Quarterly Meeting would be held at the Court House in this town, where Friends accordingly convened.

We have received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings, the representatives therein named are, from Rhode Island, George W. Carr, John Mitchell and Benoni Weaver, from Greenwich, Thomas Foster, Otheniel Foster, and George G. Kenyon, from Swansey Nathan Buffington, Palmer Chace, Isaac Buffington, and Amos C. Wilbur, and from Providence John T. Kenyon, and Isaac C. Kenyon; whose names being called they are all present, except one.

The Clerk of this Meeting being at this time absent on account of severe Illness; the Assistant Clerk is authorised to act in his place, and to make all necessary extracts from our Minutes, to sign the same on our behalf and forward to the Yearly Meeting.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and succeeded by answers from all our Monthly Meetings as descriptive of our present state, which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our Friends. Otheniel Foster, Oliver Chace, John Mitchell, Thomas B. Gould, Nathan Buffington, John T. Kenyon, Samuel Sheffield, Henry Chace and Charles Perry, whom we appoint representatives.

It is concluded with the concurrence of our Women's Meeting that we propose to the Yearly Meeting that the places of holding this Quarterly Meeting be changed as follows; from Portsmouth to Newport, in the eighth Month, and from Somerset to Fall River in the eleventh Month, to be held at the same time as heretofore.

The privilege granted in the 2.d Month last to the different Monthly Meetings of holding their Meetings at such places as they appoint to them selves, under the action of the Quarterly Meeting's committee; is extended to include the the several Monthly Meetings

to be held next after the Quarterly Meeting in the Eighth Month, and the representatives now present are requested to give information of this conclusion to their several Monthly Meetings, having the unity of the Women's Meeting herein.

The Committee appointed to attend to the printing and publishing of the Address of this Quarterly Meeting adopted in the third Month last, report verbally that they have procured the Printing of 5000 copies thereof as instructed, and that the cost of the same is Two hundred & one dollars and ten cents, which our Treasurer is directed to pay. The committee further state that the said address has been forwarded for distribution within the limits of the several Yearly Meetings on this Continent, and also that of London, and is in process of distribution within our own Yearly Meeting.

The Committee for the apportionment of Moneys to be raised by the Quarterly Meeting not being ready to report, they are continued and desired to report to our next meeting.

Having at this time received information from many members of the late South Kingston Monthly Meeting, that they feel themselves aggrieved, and the Principles and Discipline of the Society to have been sorrowfully violated in the dissolution of that Monthly Meeting, by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting in the Eleventh 1842, effected as it was by the control and influence of those who have since separated themselves from us; and in the subsequent confirmation thereof by the Yearly Meeting, and that they desire the restoration of said Monthly Meeting believing it would contribute to the right vindication and establishment of the Primitive Christian Doctrines, Discipline, and order of our religious Society:- Upon a consideration of this weighty subject, it is the deliberate, united sense and judgement of this Meeting, that the cause of Truth does require that the Yearly Meeting should reverse its former decision in this case, and restore South Kingston Monthly Meeting, with the rights and privileges and obligations belonging to it vesting upon it, as it was before its dissolution.

We therefore affectionately and earnestly request of the Yearly Meeting a reconsideration and reversal of its judgment in the case.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs that John Wilbur has notified them that he intends to apply to our next Yearly Meeting for a reconsideration of his case embracing its decision in confirmation of the judgment of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting approving his disownment by that Mo Meeting in the first Month 1843. said disownment and judgment having been effected by those who have since separated from us, who also controlled the action of the Yearly Meeting thereon, and the said Monthly Meeting now unites in requesting us to forward a Minute to the Yearly Meeting respecting this case as one of unjust dealing requiring its reconsideration and a reversal of its decision thereon:- this Meeting after serious consideration thereof is united in judgment, that this case equally with that of South Kingston Monthly Meeting calls for the like action on the part of the Yearly Meeting, as being essential to the maintainance of individual rights and a proper support of our precious principles and Discipline;- and as such we desire of the Yearly Meeting a reversal of its former judgment therein.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting has at this time forwarded to us the application of Thomas P. Nickols to the Yearly Meeting, for a reconsideration of its decision in his case of appeal last year, relative to proceedings against him on the part of those who have since separated from us;- expressing a sincere desire to be restored to his rights of Membership with Friends of which he considers himself unjustly deprived;- We are united in presenting this case to the Yearly Meeting as one of suffering for the maintenance of our ancient principles and testimonies, and desire both as an act of justice to him, and for the promotion of the cause of Truth amongst us, that his case may be examined and the decision thereon reversed.

Charles Perry Assistant Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at the Clark Street Meeting House in Newport 8th Month 7th 1845

We have received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings, the representatives therein named are, from Rhode Island, George W Carr, Thomas S Nickols, and Benoni Weaver, from Greenwich, Thomas Foster George C Kenyon, and Samuel Sheffield, from Swanzey, Nathan Buffington, Miller Chase & Philip Tripp, and from Providence, John T. Kenyon & Samuel Blhace, whose names being called they are all present.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

Several Members of the Yearly Meetings Committee from other Quarterly Meetings are present with us at this time, whose company is acceptable to us, and the following minute embracing the concern of the Yearly Meeting in their appointment has been read, and directed to be recorded.

"From our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, by adjournment from the 15th of the 6th Month to the 23d of the same inclusive"

"During the consideration of the state of Society, as presented by the answers to the Queries, the minds of Friends were introduced into much exercise, and a proposition was made, to appoint a committee to unite with a similar committee appointed by the Womens Yearly Meeting to visit our subordinate Meetings, as way may open for it, & ability be afforded, and under the direction of best wisdom to advise and assist those Meetings in the transaction of their business, according to Discipline and the good order of our religious Society, labouring in that which giveth ability to build one another up in the most holy faith, which clothes with right authority in the Church, and forms the true ground of unity.

Whereupon Nathan Page, Jonathan Nickols, Prince Gardner, Seth Davis, Benjamin Tucker, Hezekiah Swain, John Wilbur

Nathan Buffinton, Job Eddy, Ethan Foster, George F Read, Raben Paddock, Wm Hill, Thomas B Gould, James Austin, Thomas K Wilbur, Oliver Chace, Brad Buffinton, Nancy Chace, Charles Perry, John Mitchell, Palmer Chace Christy Davis, Othenial Foster, George M Eddy, Thomas Foster Wm B Oliver, John T. Kenyon, Miller Chace, Thomas P. Nickolls, Moses Mitchell, Amos C. Wilbur, and Benoni Weaver were appointed to that service, and in order to promote the concern which has been felt, and expressed that all our Meetings may be duly held and supported, and that Friends may be availed of the needful assistance under this peculiar and afflictive dispensation, it is concluded to give our Quarterly Meetings liberty to change the time and place of holding them (from what is now provided in our Discipline) if circumstances should seem to render such change necessary.

And the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this Minute, and they are requested to report such changes if any should be made, in their accounts to this Meeting next year.

The committee were also directed to report their proceedings at the same time."

From the Minutes of said Meeting
Thomas B Gould Clerk.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting succeeded by answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the first second and tenth, which are accepted.

We have received the following Minute from the Yearly Meeting respecting the change in the places of holding this Quarterly Meeting, which is directed to be recorded.

"From our Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island, by adjournment, from the 15th of the 6th Month, to the 23d of the same inclusive 1845.

A Minute has at this time been received from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposing that the places of holding that Quarterly Meeting should be changed from Portsmouth to Newport, in the eight Month, and from Somerset to Fall River in the Eleventh Month, to be held

at the same time as heretofore; which proposition having claimed our deliberate consideration, we unite therewith and direct that Meeting to convene accordingly in the Eighth and Eleventh Months; and in order that suitable accommodations may be seasonably provided; (our own Meeting Houses at those places respectively being now in the possession of the Separatists,) the Clerk is directed to furnish Rhode Island and Swansey Mo Meetings with a copy of this Minute, and they are requested to make such temporary provision therefor as they may think necessary until more permanent arrangements can be made, in all which we have the concurrence of the Women's Meeting

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting"
by Thomas B Gould Clerk.

The privilege heretofore granted to our different Monthly Meetings of holding those Meetings at such places as necessity and convenience may require, under the advice of the Quarterly Meetings Committee is extended to include those Monthly Meetings which will occur next after our Quarterly Meeting in the Eleventh Month, having the unity of the Women's Meeting therein.

This Meeting unites with the Women's Meeting in approving the appointment of Keziah Chace & Mary Chace to the Station of Elders by Swansey Monthly Meeting

We also unite with Swansey Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Palmer Chace to the Station of an Elder & of Thomas Wilbur to the same Station, having the unity of the Women's Meeting therein.

The committee for the apportionment of Moneys to be raised by the Quarterly Meeting not being ready to report on account of the anticipated changes in the situation of our Monthly Meetings, they are continued and requested to report to our next Meeting.

We have at this time received the following Minute from the Yearly Meeting, reversing its former decision in the case of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting. viz.

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments, from the 15th of the 6th Month to the 23d of the same inclusive 1845.

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The Committee appointed to consider the case of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting made the following report; to wit;

The Committee appointed to consider the application of Many of the Members of the late South Kingstown Monthly Meeting to the Yearly Meeting for a reversal of the judgment of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting by which that Monthly Meeting was dissolved and the confirmation of said judgment by the Yearly Meeting in 1843; having given the case a serious & deliberate investigation, report that they find, the dissolution of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting was contrary to the provisions of the Discipline in relation to the dissolution of Monthly Meetings, and are therefore united in judgment that the decision of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and its subsequent confirmation by the Yearly Meeting, ought to be reversed, and the Monthly Meeting restored to its rights, privileges and obligations belonging to it & resting upon it before its dissolution."

Prince Gardner
Benja Tucker
Jonathan Nickols
Nathan Page
John R Baker
James Austin
David G Hussey
Wm B Oliver

Newport 6 Mo 20th 1845.

which being read and considered was fully united with and adopted, and that Monthly Meeting is accordingly restored to all its rights and privileges as expressed in said report, and the Clerk is directed to furnish Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this Minute, the Womens Meeting also united herein

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting
Thomas B Gould Clerk

a copy of which together with this Minute the Clerk is directed to forward to Greenwich Monthly Meeting, and also to Samuel Sheffield the Clerk of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting at the time of its dissolution, and that Monthly Meeting is-

directed to meet at the usual times at which it was formerly held, and with the same privileges granted to the other Monthly Meetings as to places, commencing with a Meeting at Hopkinton in the ninth Month next, having the unity of our Womens Meeting herein.

This Meeting unites with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearances in the Ministry of Thomas B. Gould, having the unity of the Womens Meeting therein.

We have received at this time the following information and proposal from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, viz.

"The Committee appointed last Month on the case of the Preparative Meetings within our limits, which neglect to send account, or representatives to this Meeting, having been united with a similar Committee appointed by the Womens Meeting made the following report, viz.

We the Committee appointed to take into consideration the case of the delinquent Preparative Meetings and to report their judgment, thereon, Report, that it appears that, the cause of delinquency arises from most of the Members of those Preparative Meetings having from our Principles, so far as to identify themselves with the Separatists, and the number remaining with Friends not being sufficient to hold Preparative Meetings, we therefore recommend to the Monthly Meetings the annexation of them to some other Preparative Meetings.

On behalf of the Committee
Samuel Sheffield.
Susan C. Ray.

East Greenwich 8 Mo 4th 1845

On a serious consideration of the case and in view of the restoration and reestablishment of South Kingstown, (the Yearly Meeting having reversed its former decision with regard thereto,-) we have concluded to omit any action thereon at this time, and it is concluded in consequence of our stripped condition to propose to the Quarterly Meeting, that upon the reestablishment of South Kingstown this Monthly Meeting be discontinued & that its Members be annexed to S. Kingstown Mo Meeting."

Wherefore after much deliberation it was concluded with the unity of the Womens Meeting, to accede to the proposal from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, and said Monthly Meeting, is directed to be discontinued after its next Meeting; and the Members thereof joined to South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, and all the

records and papers are to be delivered to the Clerk of the said South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, and all the remaining unfinished business is also to be transferred to that Monthly Meeting.

The Clerk of this Meeting is directed to furnish Greenwich Monthly Meeting with a copy of this Minute, to be presented by them at its next Meeting.

The subject of discontinuing Providence Monthly Meeting coming under consideration, having been brought to view by the account from that Meeting it is concluded to refer it for further consideration until our next Meeting.

We have at this time received the following extract from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting setting John Wilbur to his rights of Membership and former station in Society, which is directed to be placed on our records and forwarded to Greenwich Monthly Meeting to be also by them recorded

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island from the 15th of the 6th Month to the 23d of the same inclusive 1845.

The Committee appointed at a previous ~~Meeting~~ sitting to consider the case of John Wilbur as brought before us by the Minute of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting made the following report, to wit

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting,

The Committee in the case of John Wilbur report that having met and considered the case and taken an opportunity with him we are united in judgment, that his disownment by Greenwich Monthly Meeting was an act of oppression and in violation of the provisions of our Discipline, and that the subsequent confirmation thereof by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and the Yearly Meeting was also oppressive and contrary to the Discipline, and that therefore the former decision of the Yearly Meeting in his case ought to be reversed, and he restored to his rights and privileges as well as his former station in our Religious Society.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
Prime Gardner
Jonathan Nichols

Newport 6th Mo 18th 1846.

which being read and unanimously approved, was adopted; and he is accordingly restored to all his rights and privileges as a Member and Minister of our Religious Society,

are appointed to communicate to him information of this reversal of the judgment entered on the records of this Meeting last year, through the unwarrantable and desolating influence of those persons, who together with the former Clerk, then controlled its proceedings, and who have now separated from us taking along with them as we fear many of our well disposed, but deluded members.

This subject having been laid before our Womens Meeting, we are informed, it feelingly united in our reversal of judgment in this case, and our friends are are requested to invite John Wilbur to take his seat in this Meeting, (which was done accordingly.)

From the Minutes of said Meeting
Thomas B Gould Clerk"

We have at this time secured the following extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting reversing its decision in the case of Thomas P Nickols and restoring him to his rights of membership in Society, which is directed to be recorded & forwarded to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, to be also placed upon their records.

"At our Yearly Meetings of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island from the 15th of the 6th Month to the 23d inclusive 1845.

The Committee in the case of Thomas P Nickols made the following report, viz. To the yearly Meeting now sitting. Dear Friends

We your Committee in the case of Thomas P Nickols report, we have taken two opportunities with him in much tenderness of feeling, and we are united in judgment that the decision of New England Yearly Meeting in 1844. Should be reversed

Job Eddy
Laban Paddock
James Austin
George F Read
Christy Davis

Newport 6 Mo. 18th 1845.

which being fully united with is directed to be recorded and the former judgment of the Yearly Meeting in his case is reversed (it having been concluded and recorded in the same manner as the case of John Wilbur,) and he is restored to all his rights as a Member of our Religious Society and

& c are appointed to inform him of the conclusion of this Meeting in which we have the unity of our Women's Meeting feelingly and fully expressed, and the Friends above named are requested to invite him to take his seat in this Meeting.

From the Minutes of said Meeting.

Thomas B Gould Clerk

John Mitchell is appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of Ruth Chace, Mary Chace, Palmer Chace, & Thomas Wilbur to the Station of Elders and of the approval of the gift and public appearances in the Ministry of Thomas B Gould.

Charles Perry Assistant Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 6th of the 11th Month 1845.

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk both being absent, the Representatives have proposed that Ethan Foster serve the Meeting as Clerk, and Harvey Chace as assistant Clerk for the day; which was united with & they accordingly appointed to that service.

We have received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are, from Rhode Island Henry Gould, John Mitchell, and Benoni Weaver, from South Kingstown, John Wilbur & John Peckham; Swansey, Nathan Buffington Palmer Chace & Southern Lincoln; Providence, John T Kenyon and Harvey Chace, whose names being called they are all present.

Our Monthly Meetings have all presented answers to the first second & tenth Queries, which were read to satisfaction.

Several Members of the Yearly Meetings Committee, from other Quarterly Meetings are acceptably with us at this time.

The privilege heretofore granted to our different Monthly Meetings of holding those Meetings at such places as necessity may require under the direction of the Quarterly Meeting Committee, is extended until further direction from this Meeting, having the unity of the Women Meeting herein.

The Committee for the appointment of Women to be raised by the Quarterly Meeting, not being ready to report, are continued and desired to report to our next Meeting.

The subject of discontinuing Providence Monthly Meeting coming again before this Meeting, the further consideration thereof is referred to our next Meeting.

Received at this time the following extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, which is accepted and the consideration thereof referred to our next Meeting.

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island from the 18th of the 6th Month to the 25th of the same inclusive 1845.

The Friends appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer accounts, & for other purposes, made the following report, (to wit)

which being read and accepted our Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise the sum of three hundred dollars in their usual proportions and forward the same to Brack Huffington who is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the year ensuing, and the Clerk was directed to furnish those Meetings with the necessary information. Thomas B. Foulke Clerk.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

The Friends appointed in the third Month last to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of John Mitchell to the Station of an Elder report that he attended to that service. Also the Friends appointed to give the same information in the case of the appointment of Sylvanus Thomas & Thomas Wilbur to the same Station, and of the approval of the Public

appearances in the Ministry of Thomas B Gould made a similar report.

The Committee appointed in the third month last to call on the former Clerk of this Meeting for the Books & papers belonging thereto, report that they have attended to said appointment, and that the former Clerk refused to give them up, the Committee are continued and directed to report any further information relative to the subject which they may deem expedient.

Ethan Foster Clerk for the day

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 5th of 2nd month 1846.

We have received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings. The representatives therein named are, From Rhode Island George W Carr, Benoni Weaver and Thomas B Gould, From Gwansey Stephen Chace, Palmer Chace, Israel Buffington and Philip Tripp; South Kingston Samuel Sheffield, and George C. Kenyon, Providence, Samuel B Chace and Buffum Chace, whose names being called they are all present except three.

One of the representatives informs that a part of them have been together and have concluded to propose Ethan Foster for clerk and Harvey Chace for assistant clerk to the Quarterly Meeting for the year ensuing or until others are appointed in their places, which being united with they are accordingly appointed to that service.

We have received answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the first, second, and tenth queries which have been read to satisfaction.

Several members of the Yearly Meetings Committee from other Quarterly Meetings are acceptably with us at this time.

The Committee for the apportionment of moneys to be raised by the Quarterly Meeting propose that the different Monthly Meetings be requested to enter into a subscription in which the members may contribute in their freedom for the purpose of raising the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars, which report is accepted; and the different Monthly Meetings are requested to forward the respective amounts raised to the Treasurer previous to our next meeting.

Israel Buffinton and Palmer Chace are appointed to settle the Treasurers accounts, and propose the name of a Friend for treasurer to our next meeting.

The subject of discontinuing Providence Monthly Meeting

coming again before this meeting, it is concluded that it will not be best to discontinue it at present the subject is therefore dismissed from our minutes having the unity of womens meeting herein.

The subject of the extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting relative to the raising of money as per minute of last Quarter is again referred to our next meeting.—

Ethan Foster Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 1st of 5th month 1846

We have received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings. Their representatives are, from Rhode Island, Henry Gould Benoni Weaver, and Levi Chace. Swansey, Oliver Chace, Nathan Buffinton, Israel Buffinton, & Isaac Fiske, South Kingston Othniel Foster and Charles Perry. Providence Buffum Chace John Kinyon and George C Kinyon; who are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and succeeded by answers from all our Monthly Meetings from which we have compiled the following summary as descriptive of our present state which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our Friends Henry Gould, Othniel Foster, John Wilbur, Oliver Chace, John Kinyon, Palmer Chace, Harvey Chace and John Mitchell, whom we appoint representatives.

Answer 1st All our Meetings have been attended, those on first days by most friends, mid week meetings and some for discipline not so well attended; the hour mostly observed, a few instances of sleeping at times, of other unbecoming behaviour, clear.

Answer 2nd Love and unity in a good degree maintained, detraction guarded against, no differences that we know of.

Answer 3rd Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their care in plainness as Queried after, also to restrain them from reading pernicious books and corrupt conversation, mostly exemplary herein themselves, the Holy Scriptures are we believe frequently read in Friends families.

Answer 4th Friends are generally careful as respects the several parts of this Query.

Answer 5th The circumstances of the poor inspected and their necessities

relieved: their children partake of learning - none placed out to our knowledge.—

Answer 6th A care rests on the minds of friends to observe the several parts of this Query.

Answer 7th The several parts of this Query observed except in one instance of a military nature.

Answer 8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs, and settle their accounts, and also to fulfil their promises, and to be just in the payment of their debts; careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances so far as we know,

Answer 9th Generally careful as to records, several removals without certificates, some of which are under notice

Answer 10th Some care taken to deal with offenders as queried and to place judgment according to discipline. In some monthly meetings way has not opened for care in the cases of those who have separated from us in others some care has been taken.

Note. These answers except the last are not intended to apply to those who have seceded from our religious Society.

Two members of the Yearly Meetings Committee from other Quarterly Meetings are acceptably with us at this time.

A memorial of our deceased Friend Benjamine Buffinton of Swansey Monthly meeting was presented and read to satisfaction and edification, and the Clerk is directed to forward the same to our meeting for Sufferings, having the unity of the womens Meeting herein.

This meeting unites with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas Foster and Phebe Foster to the station of Elders having the unity of the womens meeting herein and Othniel Foster is appointed to inform womens meeting of their appointment.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the treasurers accounts report that they have attended to that service and that they find in his hands one hundred and fourty five dollars fifty one cents, and propose Amos C. Wilbur as treasurer to this meeting for the year ensuing which report is accepted and he appointed to that service.

Accounts have been received from the different Monthly Meetings by which it appears that they have raised and forwarded to the treasurer of this meeting the sum of one hundred and seventy five dollars,

one hundred and thirty dollars of which our treasurer is directed to forward to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed in the 7th month 1844 to advise and assist the subordinate meetings made the following report; which is accepted and the committee is accordingly dismissed from further service having the unity of women's meeting herein.

The Committee appointed to advise and assist the subordinate meetings composing this Quarterly Meeting report that they have from time to time given such attention to this service as seemed to be required and was has opened for, and that in their opinion the situation of the different Monthly Meetings is now such that the further continuance of the Committee may be safely omitted

John Mitchell on behalf
East Greenwich 5 mo 7th 1846. Thos Foster } of the Committee

"The following minute from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting was received, which we forward to the Yearly Meeting for its consideration.—

The state of Portsmouth Preparative Meeting being under consideration and it appearing that nearly all the members thereof have separated themselves from our religious society and taken exclusive possession of our meeting house there we have concluded to propose to the Quarterly Meeting to request the Yearly Meetings consideration of that paragraph of our Discipline which requires public meetings to be held there on the first day of the Yearly Meeting week."

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting

Thomas T. Nichols Clerk

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting and forward the same to our next Yearly Meeting.

Othan Foster. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8mo 6th 1846.

By accounts received from the Monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are named representatives to this meeting, from Rhode Island, Thomas B Gould, Benoni Weaver, and John Mitchell, from South Kingston Charles Perry and Obinil Foster, from Swansey Thomas Wilbur, Israel Buffington, Philip Tripp, Palmer Chace and Luther Lincoln, and from Providence Samuel B Chace and George C Kinyon, who being called are all present but one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and succeeded by answers to the usual three from all the Monthly meetings.

Several members of the Yearly Meetings Committee from other Quarterly meetings are acceptably with us at this time.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform that they all attended; they have now produced the following extracts from the minutes of that meeting which have been read to our satisfaction and directed to be recorded and excepting that paragraph relating to stock is directed to be transcribed and forwarded to each of our monthly meetings.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 14th of the 6th month to the 19th of the same inclusive 1846

Under a consideration of the state of Society as presented by the answers to the queries, and during the several sittings of this Yearly Meetings the minds of friends have been introduced into much exercise on account of the dangers by which we are surrounded, with earnest desires that our dear absent Brethren may be made partakers with us herein, and that they also may be reminded of the need there is of greater dilligence and faithfulness in the discharge of the important trust committed unto us as a people which has been weightily impressed upon us in the moving language of Him who said "What I say unto you I say unto all Watch"

We have been renewedly convinced that the enemy of mans happiness is even more earnestly seeking after the destruction of those who have made some good degree of advancement in the highway of Holiness, than for such as have not been so faithful or so highly favored.

The obligation which rests upon parents to guard the tender minds of their children from every hurtful thing has been feelingly and weightily enforced, and they have been incited to greater faithfulness and dedication of heart, that as their precepts may be enforced by an example consistent with our high and holy

profession. Then will they be enabled like the patriarch Abraham to command their children and their household after them, and so from one generation to another a succession of standard bearers, and testimony bearers would be raised up who would be valiant for the Truth in the earth, and others seeing their good works could be aroused by their labors and encouraged by their faithfulness and devotion to enlist under the banner of Christ—the unconquered Captain of the Lords host, and that it is a reward of all them that obey him, many would be rightly qualified and prepared to glorify our Father who is in Heaven.

The situation of those few and widely scattered Friends within the limit of those Quarterly Meetings which have not been represented in this meeting at this time, who have nevertheless maintained their allegiance to the Doctrines Testimonies and Discipline of the Society, although under very discouraging circumstances, coming under consideration, this meeting was introduced into a feeling of near sympathy with them, and living desires were raised and expressed for their encouragement and stablishment in the Truth.

Under a sense of the tried state of Friends in the different Quarterly Meetings, it is concluded to extend for another year the liberty heretofore granted them to change the time and place of holding those Meetings if circumstances should appear to render it necessary and they are requested to report such change if any should be made, in their accounts to this meeting next year.

The committee to whom the subject of a new apportionment of stock had been referred at a previous sitting made the following report— which being satisfactory is accepted and the Quarterly Meetings therein named are requested to forward their respective proportions of three hundred dollars the sum agreed to be raised for the use of this meeting the ensuing year to Israel Buffington the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings proportion being forty per cent. is 120 dollars.

That portion of our discipline which requires that public Meetings for worship be held at Portsmouth Rhode Island on the first day of the Yearly Meeting week is suspended until further action thereon by this meeting, and our Quarterly and Monthly meetings are directed to have this conclusion appended to their Books of Discipline

Extracted by direction from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting aforesaid and signed on its behalf

Thomas B Gould Clerk

This meeting concludes to raise one hundred and fifty dollars for its use the coming year, and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to Amos C Wilbur Treasurer of this meeting such sums as may be subscribed in freedom towards the same, and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy this minute to the respective Monthly Meetings.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 5th of 11 month 1846.

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting. From Rhode Island Benni Weaver Henry Gould & John Mitchell. From Swansey Israel Buffinton Stephen Chace, Philip Tripp & Palmer Chace, South Kingston John Foster and John Wilbur. Providence Samuel B Chace and Benjamin Chace, who are all present

Our Loved Friend Nelson Pugh attended this meeting with a certificate from Salem Monthly Meeting dated 8th of 10 mo last, expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his concern to attend this meeting, and to appoint some meetings within its limits and vicinity. His company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting succeeded by answers to the required these from all the Monthly Meetings which have been read to satisfaction.

A number of the Yearly Meeting's Committee from other Quarterly Meetings are acceptably with us at this time.—

Swansey Monthly Meetings in their account inform that they have paid to the Treasurer of this Meeting sixty dollars their proportion of stock as called for by minute of 8th Month last

The Clerk of this Meeting is directed to purchase for the use thereof two Books of Discipline and in them to insert in its proper place the conclusion of our last Yearly Meeting, as per extract from the minutes of that Meeting. He is also directed to purchase a suitable Book of Record for the use of the Meeting and to draw on the Treasurer for cost of the same

Ethan Foster Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 4th of 2 mo 1847

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting. From Rhode Island John Mitchell Levi Chace, George W Carr and Benoni Weaver. Swansey Isaac Fish Stephen Chace Israel Buffinton and Palmer Chace. South Kingston, Samuel Sheffield and John Peckham. Providence Buffum Chase and George Foster. who are all present except four: for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned.

Palmer Chace on behalf of the representatives informed that most of them had been together and concluded to propose Ethan Foster for Clerk, and Harvey Chace for assistant Clerk to this Meeting for the year ensuing or until others are appointed in their places, which being approved by the meeting they are accordingly appointed to that service.

Answers to the first second and tenth Queries have been received from all our Monthly Meetings descriptive of the state of those Meetings, which have been read to satisfaction.

By information received it appears that our beloved Friend Nathan Page has attended most of the meetings within the limits of this Quartaly Meeting and appointed some meetings among other people, to the satisfaction of Friends. the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute together with that made in the 11th month last.

Several Members of the Yearly Meetings committee from other Quartaly Meetings are acceptably with us at this time.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 6th of 5 mo 1847

We have received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are From Rhode Island Henry Gould, John Mitchell and Benoni Weaver. Swansey Nathan Buffinton Thomas Wilbur Philip Tripp and Israel Buffinton. South Kingston Charles Perry and Othniel Foster. Providence Samuel B Chace and George C Kenyon who are all present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting succeeded by answers from all our Monthly Meetings from which we have compiled the following summary as descriptive of our present state, which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our Friends John Wilbur. Charles Perry. Henry Gould.

Oliver Chace. Harvey Chace. Thomas Wilbur Israel Buffinton George C Kenyon. Othniel Foster and John Mitchell whom we appoint representatives

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, although not so generally by some of our members as would be desirable, for which some care has been taken; the hour mostly observed, some appearance of sleeping in a few at times, of other unbecoming behaviour clear as far as appears.

2nd Love and unity are in a good degree maintained among Friends, and detraction guarded against, no differences have come to our knowledge.

3rd Friends generally careful with the young as to plainness; pernicious reading and corrupt conversation discouraged, mostly exemplary themselves, and we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their families.

4th Friends are careful as regards the use of spirituous liquors, also in respect to attending places of public resort, and to keep in moderation and temperance on the account of births, marriages, burials, and on other occasions.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to their necessities relieved, their children partake of learning, none placed out from among Friends.-

6th It appears that care is taken on these accounts although there are three instances mentioned of marriages out of the order of Society which are under notice.

7th Friends endeavor to observe the several requisitions of this Query.

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, also to fulfil their promises, and just in the payment of their debts, and endeavor to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th Mostly careful as to records - Two or three removals without certificates, one of which is reported as under notice.

10th A good degree of care taken to deal with offenders as queried, and to place judgment according to discipline.

Note Those who have separated from Friends are not answered for.

Several members of the Yearly Meetings committee from other Quarterly meetings are acceptably with us at this time.

Rhode Island Providence and South Kingston Monthly Meetings inform that they have raised and forwarded to the Treasurer of this Meeting their respective proportions of stock and our Treasurer is requested to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting one hundred

and twenty dollars, the sum directed to be raised by this Quartaly Meeting as per minute of the Yearly Meeting of last year.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 5th of 8 Mo 1847.

By accounts received from the different Monthly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting — From Rhode Island George W Carr Thomas B Gould and Thomas P Nichols, — Swansey Israel Buffinton, Palmer Chace Isaac Fiske and William Wood — South Kingston Ethan Foster and John Wilbur. Providence Harvey Chace, and John F Kinyon who are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the usual three from all our Monthly Meetings.

One of the representatives appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended; — They have now produced the following extracts from the minutes of that Meeting which have been read to satisfaction and directed to be recorded, and with the exception of that paragraph relating to stock, are directed to be transcribed and forwarded to each of our Monthly Meetings.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 13th of the sixth month to the 18th of the same inclusive 1847.

Third day of the week 15th of the month

It is concluded to extend for another year the liberty heretofore granted to change the time and place of holding the several Quartaly Meetings — which are respectively requested to render an account of such change to this Meeting next year

The committee appointed at our sitting this morning to examine and settle the Treasurers accounts and for other purposes, produced the following Report which has been read and is acceptable to the Meeting. Israel Buffinton is accordingly reappointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the present year or until another appointment and the Quartaly Meetings are requested to raise and forward to him their respective proportions of Two Hundred and Fifty dollars the sum concluded to be raised for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year:

Rhode Island Quartaly Meeting's proportion is 100 dollars.

Fifth day of the week 17th of the Month.

The committee appointed to visit subordinate Meetings

produced the following Report which has been read and accepted and Falmouth, Smithfield, Vassalborough and Winfield Quarterly Meetings continuing to omit reporting their state to this meeting the committee now under appointment is continued (with the exception of our Friend Caban Paddock deceased) and requested to extend care to these and other subordinate meetings, as directed by minute of last year, and to report to our next Yearly meeting.

It is the conclusion of this Meeting that for the present when cases occur of proposals for Marriage by persons residing without the limits of this Yearly Meeting, or in Monthly Meetings within the Yearly Meeting where there has been no separation that a satisfactory certificate from sound Friends who may reside within the limits of such Monthly Meeting, or the vicinity thereof be received in the same manner and for the same purpose as certificates have heretofore been received from Monthly Meetings.

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid

Thomas B Gould Clerk

[illegible] before this meeting the following Epistle from our beloved Friend Esther Austin, addressed to the Yearly Meeting which has been read to our comfort and edification. The meeting is directed to place the same on our records and forward a copy thereof to each of our Monthly Meetings.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England

Dearly Beloved, my soul breathes unto the fountain for your preservation in the unchangeable truth, as well as for myself, that you may be strengthened to hold on your way — give not back for it is those that continue firm unto the end that shall receive the crown that never can fade away.

Keep all your meetings in the power of God, and witness that to be over all. Be not dismayed at the smallness of your number, although it be reduced as Gideon of old; for he is an all powerful captain who never was foiled, nor beaten in the field, and who brings all off conquerors that faithfully follow him. Those that are willing to suffer with him and to be reproached for his name sake, when he reigns shall also reign with him, for where I am saith he there shall also my servant be. — The servant is not greater than his Lord neither is he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If they have called the Master of the house Belzebub how much more shall they call those of his

household.— Therefore take courage. Here we abide in him the true and living vine; as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, no more can ye except ye abide in me; for without me ye can do nothing. And may we so abide in him that we may be enabled to discern all the stratagems of the enemy in his transformed appearances— that every thing may be removed that is not of his own begetting that has crept in amongst us, that the Church may again stand forth in its ancient splendor, and be seen coming up from the wilderness leaning upon her beloved fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners, that there be no limiting of the truth.

A member Gideons company was a tried company, yet we see how the Lord did magnify his power and his mighty arm in putting the host of the Midianites to flight.

May the Lord vouchsafe of his living presence amongst you in this your annual assembly, that all may be done to his glory and to the honour of his great name.

If any man speak let him speak as the oracle of God, if any man minister let him do it of the ability that God giveth. Finally my friends, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might, put on the whole armor and take the sword of the Spirit that you may be enabled to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked— so breathes your absent sister though absent in body yet present in Spirit.

Esther Austin

Westbrook (Maine) 6 mo. 11th 1847.

Israel Buffinton, John F. Kenyon, Samuel Sheffield and Thomas B Gould, are appointed a committee to examine and settle the Treasurers accounts, propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer, and also the amount of stock necessary to be raised by this meeting the ensuing year and report to our next meeting.

Othan Foster Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 4th of 11 mo 1847

By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following Friends were appointed representatives to this meeting.— From Rhode Island John Mitchell Jenni Weaver, and Levi Chace. Swansey Luther Lincoln, Israel Buffinton Isaac Fiske and Oliver Chace. South-Kingston John Foster and Othniel Foster, Providence Samuel S Chace and John S. Kenyon, who are all present.

Our Elder Friend Nathan Page attended this meeting with a certificate from Salem Monthly Meeting dated 9th of 10 mo last expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his concern to attend this meeting, and appoint some meetings within its limits and also within the limits of Vandewater Quarterly Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting succeeded by answers to the first second and tenth from all our Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to examine and settle the Treasurers accounts made the following report which is accepted, and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to raise and forward their respective proportions of one hundred and twenty five dollars (the sum proposed to be raised,) to Amos C Hilbur who is reappointed treasurer of this meeting for the ensuing year.

To the Quarterly Meeting

We the Committee appointed to settle the Treasurers accounts report that we have attended thereto, and find a balance in his hands of forty six dollars and fifty five cents. We propose that the Quarterly Meeting raise the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars for its use the ensuing year and that Amos C Hilbur be reappointed Treasurer.

On behalf of the committee

Israel Buffinton
John S Kenyon

Fall River 11 mo 4th 1847.

The following minute was received from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting which after being deliberately considered, the request therein contained was granted and they left at liberty to change the place of holding their Monthly Meeting as proposed having the unity

of the womens Meeting herein. The clerk is directed to furnish Rhode Island Monthly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

After deliberate consideration this Meeting concludes to request the Quarterly Meeting to allow us to hold our Monthly Meetings in future at Newport instead of alternately at Newport and Portsmouth as at present.—

It is concluded to hold our next Meeting at North Providence instead of Providence as heretofore having the approbation of the womens Meeting herein

Othan Foster Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 3rd of 2 month 1848

We have received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings. The representatives therein named are, from Rhode Island Thomas B Gould, Levi Chace and Thomas P Nichols.— Swansey Palmer Chace, Isaac Fiske, Oliver Chace and Nathan Buffinton.— South Kingston Charles Perry and John Foster.— Providence George Foster and Harvey Chace, who are all present except two.

Palmer Chace on behalf of the representatives informed that they had been together and were united in proposing the name of Othan Foster for Clerk and Harvey Chace for assistant Clerk to this meeting for the year ensuing or until others may be appointed in their places which being united with by the meeting they are accordingly appointed to that service.

Our Beloved Friend Nathan Page attended this meeting with information that he has nearly accomplished his visit, as expressed in his certificate from Salem Monthly Meeting read at our last Meeting. His ex[illegible] and gospel labours have been acceptable to us; and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the usual thru, from all our Monthly Meetings

Othan Foster Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 4th of 5 Month 1848.

We have received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings. The representatives therein named are, from Rhode Island Thomas B Gould, Benoni Weaver and John Mitchell. from Swansey, Nathan Buffinton, William Slade, Philip Tripp and Oliver Chace. South Kingston Samuel Sheffield and Ethniel Foster. Providence, Samuel B Chace and John S Kenyon, who are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting succeeded by answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings, from which we have compiled the following summary as descriptive of our present state; which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our Friends John Wilbur, William Slade, Oliver Chace, John Mitchell Ethniel Foster, Harvey Chace, John S Kenyon and Thomas B Gould whom we appoint our representatives

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended those on first days generally by most Friends midweek meetings and some for discipline more neglected by a few of our members, the hour observed, the latter part clear with the exception of a few instances of sleeping. Care taken in the above deficiencies.

Ans 2nd Love and unity in a good degree maintained among Friends, and detraction guarded against, no differances that have come to our knowledge.

Ans 3rd Friends endeavor to bring up those under their care in plainness as queried after, also to restrain from reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world, mostly exemplary herein themselves, the Holy Scriptures we think are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans 4th We think Friends are careful to observe the several parts of this query.

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor inspected and their necessities relieved, their children partake of learning none placed out to our knowledge

Ans 6th We believe clear

Ans 7th Friends know of no breach of this query with us.

Ans 8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, they are punctual in the fulfilment of their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and endeavor to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8th month 3rd 1848

We have received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings; the representatives therein named are, from Rhode Island Henry Gould, George W Carr and Benoni Weaver; from Guernsey Israel Buffinton, William Slade, Amos C. Wilbur and Miller Chace; from South Kingston John Wilbur and John Peckham, and from Providence George C Kenyon and Samuel B Chace; whose names being called are all present.

The Clerk being absent at this time Charles Perry was appointed clerk for the day.

The representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and succeeded by answers to the first, second and tenth from all our monthly Meetings.

The following extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting were received through one of the representatives at this time which after being read to our satisfaction were directed to be recorded; and the clerk is requested to forward to our several Monthly Meetings that portion embracing some of the exercises of the Yearly Meeting for the welfare of the society.

Extracts from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 11th of the 6 month to the 15th of the same inclusive, 1848.

Second day of the week and 12th of the month.

During the consideration of the state of society as brought into view by the reading of the Queries and the answers received from the subordinate branches, the minds of concerned Friends were introduced into a lively exercise and travail of spirit for the welfare of Zion and the enlargement of her borders.—

Friends were exhorted to a diligent attendance of our religious meetings and feelingly reminded of the duty of retiring for that purpose from our ordinary avocations in the middle of the week, under a sense of the preservation which would thereby be experienced from too close an attachment to the things of this transitory world; as well as the great advantage resulting from such a practice

in preparing our minds even on other occasions for the acceptable worship of Him who mercifully regardeth the willing sacrifice of a contrite heart.

The silent burden bearers whose secret exercises for the welfare of the Church are sensibly therein — the savor of their spirits being truly comforting and strengthening to the living members of the body, who are called to labor more publicly for the advancement of the Redeemers Kingdom — are encouraged to faithfulness in their respective allotments of service, and to endeavor to maintain their standing as upright pillars in the Lords house upon whom much weight and responsibility devolves, that so they may be favoured to experience the fulfilment of the gracious promise, "Him that overcometh will I make a Pillar in the Temple of my God and he shall go no more out;" and that the precious doctrines of the Gospel with the Testimonies ever maintained by the faithful amongst us, may continue to be supported, as in former years to the Lords honor, and the Cause of Truth and righteousness be thereby promoted in the earth.

Third day Morning the 13th of the Month.

The request of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting for liberty to hold that meeting in future, at the usual time in the second month at North Providence instead of Providence; having been considered and [illegible] with the concurrence of the women's meeting; said meeting is left at liberty to meet there accordingly; and the clerk is directed to furnish Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Under a consideration of the difficulties and inconveniences to which Friends in divers places are still subjected in consequence of the late separation with regard to holding our religious meetings, it is again concluded to extend the liberty heretofore granted to the several Quarterly Meetings to meet according to the present arrangement for another year, as if, from the circumstances stated it shall appear to them necessary to change the times or places of assembling, they are left at liberty to do so and are requested to report such changes, if any, to this meeting next year.

The committee appointed at a previous sitting to examine and settle the Treasurers accounts and for other purposes produced the following report — which has been read and accepted. The proposition contained therein to raise Three Hundred Dollars for the use of this meeting the coming year, and also the nomination of our Friend Israel Buffington as Treasurer, are approved; and he is accordingly appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the year ensuing or until another appointment and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise and forward to him their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting

[illegible] Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting's proportion is 30 dollars. Extracted from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

By

Thomas B Gould Clerk

This meeting concludes to raise the sum of One hundred and twenty five dollars for its use the ensuing year; and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions thereof to our Treasurer.

Charles Perry Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 2nd of 11th month 1848.

We have received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are from Rhode Island Levi Chace John Mitchell and Henry Gould; from Swansey Thomas Wilbur, Miller Chace, Philip Tripp and Stephen Hart. from South Kingston Thomas Foster and John Foster. Providence Samuel B Chace and Buffum Chace whose names being called they are all present.—

The Queries have been read in this meeting, and answers to the usual three received from all our Monthly Meetings.

Israel Buffington and Miller Chace are appointed a committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts, propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer and report to next meeting.—

Othan Foster, Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Held at North Providence 2nd Mo 1st 1849

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings it appears that the representatives therefrom are from Rhode Island Geo. Chace, George W. Carr and John Mitchell.—from Swansey Palmer Chace, Nathan Biffinton, Oliver Chace and Amos C. Wilbur—South Kingston Ethniel Foster and John Foster—Providence Samuel S. Chace and Buffum Chace.

Palmer Chace on behalf of the representatives informed that most of them had been together, and that they also united in proposing the names of Ethan Foster for Clerk and Carey Chace for assistant Clerk to this meeting for the year ensuing, or until others may be appointed in their places; which being united with by the meeting they are accordingly appointed to that service.—

The Queries have been read in this meeting and answers to the usual three received from all our Monthly Meetings.—

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account report that they find in his hands a balance of seventy one dollars and forty two cents; and they propose Samuel Wilbur for Treasurer; which being united with he is accordingly reappointed to that service for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

This Meeting unites with South Kingston Monthly Meeting, and with the Womens Quarterly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearance in the ministry of Phebe Foster.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 3rd of 1st Month 1849

We have received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings — the representatives therein named are from Rhode Island John Mitchell, Benoni Weaver and Thomas S. Gould — Gideon Palmer Chace, Thomas Wilbur Philip Tripp and Alpen Hart, — South Kingston, Othniel Foster and Thomas Foster, — Providence, John S. Kenyon and George C. Kenyon who are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned. —

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings from which we have compiled the following summary as descriptive of our present state which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our Friends Oliver Chace, John Wilbur, John S. Kenyon, Israel Buffinton Thomas S. Gould, John Mitchell, Othniel Foster and Harvey Chace whom we appoint our representatives.

Ans 1st All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended — those on first days generally by most of our members mid-week meetings and some for discipline more neglected by few. The hour is nearly observed, mostly preserved from sleeping — of other unbecoming behaviour than some care is reported to have been taken.

Ans 2nd Love and unity are in a good degree maintained — detraction is guarded against. No differences are reported, the account from one Monthly Meeting states that when any have arisen care has been taken to end them.

Ans 3rd Friends endeavor to bring up those under their care in plainness as queried, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation — They are mostly [illegible] in those resorts themselves, and the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their families.

Ans 4th Friends appear careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors and the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort and to observe moderation and temperance as required by the query.

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor appear to be attended to, and their necessities relieved — their children partners of learning — none are reported as being placed out from among Friends

Ans 6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried appear careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

Ans 7th Three of the accounts express clearness with regard to the support of our testimonies referred to in the query, while one of them notices a few instances of young men attending meetings where there is a hireling ministry as being under care.

Ans 8th Friends appear careful to inspect their affairs and to settle their accounts also to observe punctuality to their promises and just in the payment of their debts — and to be careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th Care appears to be taken with regard to our records. A few instances of removal without certificate are reported, some of which are under notice.

Ans 10th A good degree of care appears to be taken to deal with offenders in the spirit and manner required by the query and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings we are informed that they have forwarded to the treasurer of this meeting their respective proportions of stock; and our treasurer is directed to forward our proportion thereof to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting

The Clerk of this meeting is directed to make all necessary extracts from the records thereof and forward the same to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives. —

Ethan Foster Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 2nd of 8th mo 1849

We have received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are from Rhode Island John Mitchell Henry Gould and Benoni Weaver. Swansey Palmer Chace Oliver Chace, Isaac Fish and Philip Tripp. South Kingston Samuel Sheffield and John Peckham, Providence, Harvey Chace and John S Kenyon who are all present

We have at this time the company of our beloved friend Joseph Tripp with a minute of concurrence from Hector Monthly Meeting State of New York bearing date 1 mo 9th 1849 expressive of their unity with him as a minister as also with his present

religious engagement, his company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us and the assistant clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read at this time and the first, second, and tenth succeeded by answers as presented by the Monthly Meetings.

One of the representatives appointed in the fifth month to attend the Yearly Meeting informed they all attended.

Received at this time the following extract from the minutes of our late Yearly Meeting viz.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments, from the 10th of the sixth month to the 15th of the same inclusive 1847.

Third day of the week and 12th of the month

The committee appointed at a previous sitting to examine and settle the Treasurers accounts, and for other purposes produced a Report, which has been read and accepted at this time: and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of Four Hundred Dollars — the sum proposed to be raised the present year — to Israel Buffinton, who in accordance with a proposition contained in the Report is appointed Treasurer of this meeting for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings proportion of stock being forty per cent — is One Hundred and sixty dollars.—

Extracted from the Minutes
By Thomas B Gould. Clerk
to the Meeting this year.

Which is accepted and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to the treasurer of this meeting their respective proportions of stock.

The Committee appointed 11 mo 7th 1844 to attend subordinate meetings*

Report that some of their members have attended all the Monthly Meetings in the Quarter which have been held since their appointment, and labored as ability was afforded to sustain the discipline and good order of Society therein; and although at many times, under trying circumstances, from the opposition of those who have been too ready to involve and complicate themselves in the separation recently brought about within our limits by unsound and defective members.

Swansey Monthly Meeting in which this result of the sorrowful defection of principle among us was first openly manifested, has been held in the meeting house as usual except the last month subject to much disturbance from those who have joined in the separation.

At their last Preparative Meeting at Fall River and Monthly Meeting in Somerset, they by the use of locks and physical force prevented Friends from the occupance of their usual places of meeting; going to the extent of laying violent hands on some in peaceable attendance at the Monthly Meeting for worship, and putting them out of the house. And although Friends were thus repulsed in endeavoring to attend their Meeting for worship, yet after a little time, they were enabled to enter and hold that Meeting; at the conclusion of which the door of that part of the house usually occupied by the men were found to be locked.— After sitting a short time the separatists found means to pass into that part of the house through a small aperture not usually opened for such purpose; and it therefore, and in consequence of distance in the women's meeting became necessary for Friends to hold the Monthly Meeting, both of men and women, in the Meeting house yard.

The Preparative Meetings at Fall River and Freetown have been sustained

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the Eleventh Month last, the opposers among whom was the Clerk refused to read & acknowledge the minute of our appointment, and it became necessary to appoint a new Clerk which was done, and the business of the Meeting opened,— whereupon the former Clerk, and most of those who sustained him in rejecting us left the house. A few of them remained, greatly disturbing the Meeting; deriding and re-

*For minutes see page 7.

proaching, those assembled, and repeatedly warning them not to use the meeting house for such a purpose, and indulging in much unbecoming and light conversation and laughter. Among those thus disturbing the Meeting, it was painful to observe some who were in high stations in society.

The Meeting was favored to transact its business to a good degree of satisfaction, and notwithstanding this interruption, to conclude under a covering of solemnity. At their next Monthly Meeting, Friends convened at the meeting house in lower Smithfield at the usual hour, on the appointed day for that Meeting; and finding the house locked and being unable to open it without force, held the Meeting for worship in the Meeting house yard, and that for discipline was adjourned to the house of John S Kenyon in North Providence and held there. At the conclusion of the Meeting for worship, a man came and with a key opened the Meeting house door, went in and again fastened it. On being applied to for admittance, he refused to open the house gave his name as George Dexter Williams, and said he was sent there by Gideon C Smith & James Dennis and directed by them to keep people out of the house. Their last Monthly Meeting was held at the house of John S Kenyon.

The Reparative meetings have not been sustained in Providence Monthly Meeting.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the eleventh month met as usual in the west part of the meeting house at Newport, and at the conclusion of the meeting for worship, on the men's going into the chamber to hold the meeting for discipline, two men were stationed near the top of the stairs and when some of us, with some of the members of that Meeting, were passing up, these men put forth their arms and stopped us saying that we could not enter, afterwards the door was locked, and a man not a member of society put in keeping of it.

Being thus debarred the Meeting gathered in the large cold room below, and a clerk was appointed and the women informed of the situation of the men's meeting. Their meeting also being disturbed by the opposers, it was concluded to adjourn the Monthly Meeting to the houses of Henry Gould and Thomas T Gould in Newport, where it was comfortably held, the way in good degree opening for the deliverance of our Friends there, from the hands of these people. Their next Monthly Meeting was held at William

Boyd's in Portsmouth he having kindly granted Friends the use of his house; and their last again at Thomas B. Gould's at Newport.

Their Preparative Meeting at Newport together with their meeting for worship at the same place, have also been held since their rejection from their usual sitting place at Thomas B. Gould's house.

The first meeting of Greenwich Monthly Meeting after the last Quarter, was held at Cranston; and on presenting our minute of appointment, it was rejected by the Clerk and many sustained him therein; whereupon a new Clerk was appointed and the business of the meeting entered upon, but being disturbed by the former Clerk and others professing to do the business of the Monthly Meeting having complaints placed on their minutes against some for attending our last Quarterly Meeting calling it a separate Meeting we Friends sat quietly until this disturbance ceased and then proceeded with their business. The former Clerk and a few others who sustained him, remained in the house until the meeting was concluded. At their next Monthly Meeting, which was held at Greenwich, the meeting for worship was held in the west part of the house, at the conclusion of which it was found that the door from one room to the other through which it was usual for the men to pass, was fastened and it became necessary for all to go out of the house in order to get into the other part of it; but on coming to the door to pass in, four or five men stood very closely together in the door way and on the steps, interposing their bodies to prevent Friends from entering the house. Finding remonstrance against such physical demonstration of no avail the men's meeting retired to the shed, and having read the opening minute, informed the women, who also were disturbed by the opposers; then adjourned and held the monthly meeting at George C. Mowry's house.

Their last Monthly Meeting was held at the house of Seth Mowry, within the limits of Greenwich particular meeting. The Separate Meetings of South Kingston and Hopkinton have been discontinued; but these together with the meetings for worship at those places are now removed to Friends dwelling houses, in consequence of being facitly deprived of the use of their meeting houses by those who have given themselves up to the support of unsound principles and disorderly practices.

In consequence of such facitly deprivation, the changes in the place of holding the monthly meetings noticed in this report have taken place under our advice with a view to avoid contention and

strife, which our opposers in a spirit so contrary to the Christian principles we profess and desire ever to maintain, seem ever when ready to engage in. This course has been taken without intending thereby to relinquish our just right to the property thus wrongfully withheld from us. all claim to which as members of our society they have forfeited by an abandonment of its principles and discipline.

Notwithstanding we have met with many unpleasant things in attending these meetings, yet we have a faith that if patience is abide in and we seek to be clothed with the divine armor of righteousness steadily persevering in the path of duty, that a way will be made where there seems many discouragements.

And we feel a great desire that whatever we may have to suffer or whatever may be the reproaches heaped upon us, or provocation to do evil, that we may follow the example of the Blessed Saviour who was reviled, and reviled not again, and that we may be endued with a measure of His Spirit which so conspicuously shows forth in that affecting request "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."— And may the cause of Truth and Righteousness be paramount to every other consideration — accounting all other things as dung and dross in comparison of the riches of Christ — then the work will prosper in our hands. Notwithstanding there may be few apparently who are willing to give up all for Christ's sake, and be found among His little despised followers, let this be no discouragement believing the Lord will prosper His own work for he can make a wilderness a fruitfuld field."—

On behalf of the Committee
John Whitehead
Phebe Foster

Providence 2 Mo 3rd 1843

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 1st of 11th Month 1849.

We have received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings — the representatives therein named are from Rhode Island John Mitchell Levi Chace and George W Carr — Swansey William Slade Palmer Chace Philip Tripp and Nathan Buffinton — South Kingston John Peckham and Thomas Foster — Providence John S Kenyon and George C Kenyon who are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and answers to the first, second, and tenth, received from all our Monthly Meetings.

South Kingston Monthly Meeting informs that they have directed their Treasurer to pay over to the Treasurer of this meeting thirty eight dollars, their proportion of Stock.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 7th of 2 month 1850.

We have received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings — the representatives therein named are, from Rhode Island Thomas B Gould, John Mitchell, and Levi Chace — Swansey, Palmer Chace, Isaac Fisk, Thomas C Wilbur and Israel Buffinton — South Kingston John Foster, and Thomas Foster, Providence, Samuel B Chase, and John S Kenyon, who are all present but one.

The Clerk of this meeting being absent Charles Berry is appointed Clerk for the day.

Our beloved Friend Nathan Page attended this meeting with a certificate from Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn 8th of 11 mo. 1849 stating that he is a minister in unity; and expressive of their sympathy with his concern and visit to Friends and others within this and Sandwich Quarterly

Meetings; and also in his appointing some meetings among those not in membership with Friends within the limits of the same, extending into the State of Connecticut.— His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting succeeded by answers to the first second and tenth from all our Monthly Meetings.

Swansey Monthly Meeting informs that their treasurer has been directed to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting Fifty dollars as their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock.

Charles Perry, Clerk for the day

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 2nd of 1 Mo 1851

By account received from all our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends were appointed representatives to this Meeting.— From Rhode Island, Levi Chace, John Mitchell, and Thomas B Gould.— Swansey Stephen Hart, Israel Buffinton, Thomas Wilbur, and Nathan Buffinton.— South Kingston, John Foster and Samuel Sheffield.— Providence Harvey Chace and John F Kenyon, who are all present.

The representatives now in attendance have proposed to the Meeting that Otheni Foster be appointed its Clerk and that Harvey Chace be appointed assistant Clerk; which being united with they are accordingly appointed to those services for the year ensuing or until others are appointed in their places.—

The Queries have been read in this Meeting succeeded by answers from all our Monthly Meetings, from which we have compiled the following summary as descriptive of our present State which we forward to our next Yearly Meeting by our Friends John Wilbur, John Mitchell, Oliver Chace, Otheni Foster, Thomas B Gould, Thomas Wilbur, Harvey Chace, John F Kenyon, Talmer Chace and Charles Perry whom we appoint our representatives.

Ans 1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended. Those on fast days and for discipline by nearly all in a capacity to attend; midweek meetings more neglected by some. The hour observed, a few instances as sleeping are reported of other unbecoming behaviour clear. Some care appears to have been taken in the above deficiencies.

Ans 2nd. Love and Unity appear to be in a good degree maintained; detraction is guarded against, no differences are reported.

Ans 3rd. Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness as queried after, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, they appear to be exemplary in these respects themselves and the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans 4th. Friends are careful to avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors except for Medicine, the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort. Moderation and temperance appear to be observed on the occasions referred to in the latter part of the Query.

Ans 5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved — their children portable of learning to fit them for business, — none are reported as being placed out from among Friends.

Ans 6th. Parents and heads of families are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline. One report notices two instances of marrying out of the order of our Society as being under care.

Ans 7th. Our testimony against the payment of Priests wages appears to be faithfully maintained, with the exception of an occasional attendance of meetings where there is a hired ministry, by a few young persons, reported by one of the Monthly Meetings. In regard to the residue of the query all the answers are clear.

Ans 8th. Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to observe punctuality to their promises, and justice in the payment of their debts, and also to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th. Marriage certificates are duly recorded, births, deaths and burials mostly. A few instances of removal without certificate are reported as being under care.

Ans 10th A good degree of care appears to rest on the minds of Friends generally to deal with offenders in the spirit and manner required by the Query — Some care is reported as being taken — and also to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of Truth according to our discipline.

Received at this time the following extract from the minutes of Providence Monthly Meeting; whereupon we appoint, Israel Buffington, Thomas Wilbur, Thomas B. Gould, Palmer Chase, Charles Perry and Harvey Chase a committee to take the subject into consideration and report their judgment thereon at our next meeting.

"The boundary line between this and South Kingston Monthly Meeting and the better accomodation of friends in relation to the attendance of meetings coming under notice, it was concluded to ask the Quarterly Meeting to take the subject into consideration with a view to render its assistance or make such change (if any) as may seem proper."

Rhode Island and Providence Monthly Meetings inform that they have directed their respective proportions of stock to be paid over to the treasurer of this meeting and our Treasurer is directed to forward our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Nathan Page having concluded his visit within the limits of this meeting to the satisfaction of Friends, the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute together with that made in relation to his attendance of our last meeting at that time.

The Clerk of this Meeting is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes thereof and forward the same to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport the 1st of 8 Month 1850

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz from Rhode Island Henry Gould, John Mitchell and Levi Chase — Greenwich James C Wilbur, Palmer Chase, Philip Tripp and Nathan Buffinton; South Kingston Ethan Foster, Othniel Foster and John Peckham, Providence Samuel B Chase and Baffum Chase who are all present except one.

The Clerk of the Meeting being absent Thomas Wilbur is appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries have been read at this time and the first second and tenth succeeded by answers from our Monthly Meetings as describing their several states.

John Wilbur one of the representatives appointed to attend our late Yearly Meeting informs that they all attended to their appointment and produced to this meeting the following extract from the minutes of said Yearly Meeting

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport on Rhode Island, by adjournments from the 15th of the 6th month to the 18th of the same inclusive 1851.

3d day of the week & 17th of the Mo. The committee appointed yesterday morning to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, and to nominate a Treasurer, have produced the following report — which is satisfactory, and Israel Buffinton is accordingly appointed Treasurer for the insuing year; and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to him, their respective proportion of three hundred dollars, the sum named in the report, and the

clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting's proportion, being forty per cent, is one hundred and twenty dollars.

Extracted from the minute by

Peleg Mitchell
Clerk to the Meeting this year.

Which has been read and accepted by this meeting, and the clerk is directed to furnish our Monthly Meetings with copies thereof, with a request that they will forward to our Treasurer their respective proportion of the sum therein called for.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Yearly Meeting Treasurer the sum of $120 as called for by their minute.

The committee appointed 5th mo. last, pertaining to the boundary line between South Kingston & Providence Mo. Meetings presented a report; which has been read and accepted, and the line as therein recommended, viz. "commencing at that point of Naragansett Bay, where the boundary of Washington & Kent Counties intersede said Bay, thence running a due west course to the western limits of New England Yearly Meeting" is hereby established as the boundary line between South Kingston & Providence Monthly Meetings, having the unity of the women's meeting herein & our clerk is directed to furnish said Mo. Meetings with a copy of this minute.

Thos. Wilbur Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River, 7th. of 11th Mo. 1850.

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting — From Rhode Island, Levi Chace, John Mitchell, & George W. Carr — Swansey; Oliver Chace, Palmer Chace, Moses Buffinton & Nathan Buffinton — South Kingstown; John Wilbur, Thomas Foster & Othniel Foster — Providence; Harvey Chace and John T. Kenyon; on whose names being called they are all present but one. —

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the usual three from all our Monthly Meetings as descriptive of their several states. —

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 6th 2nd Mo. 1851.

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting, viz — from Rhode Island; John Mitchell, Thomas B. Gould, and Levi Chace — Swansey; Nathan Buffinton, Isaac Fiske, Philip Tripp & Samuel Buffinton — South Kingstown; John Foster and John Peckham — Providence; Samuel D. Chace & Buffum Chace; who are all present except two, for the absence of one of whom a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers to the first, second, and tenth, from all our Monthly

Meetings as descriptive of their respective states. —

Ethan Foster. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 1st of 5th Mo. 1851.

By the account from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following friends were appointed representatives to this meeting — viz. from R. Island; John Mitchell, Thomas B. Gould, and Levi Chace, — from Dunsey; Palmer Chace, Oliver Chace, Samuel Buffinton & Philip Tripp from South Kingstown; John Foster, and Ethniel Foster — from Providence; Samuel D. Chace, Jeremiah Foster and Buffum Chace, who are all present except one. —

The clerk of this meeting being absent Thos. Wilbur is appointed to that service for the present time. —

The Queries have been read and answers thereto as presented by our several Monthly Meetings, from which summary answers have been compiled as describing our present state, which the clerk is directed to forward together with the account & all other necessary papers to our next Yearly Meeting by Oliver Chace, John Wilbur, John Mitchell, Harvey Chace, Palmer Chace, Ethniel Foster, Thos. B. Gould and John T. Kenyon, whom we appoint our representatives to that Meeting.

We have at this time the company of our esteemed friend Mary Mray, with a certificate of concurrence from Nantucket Monthly Meeting, expressive of their unity with her as a minister and also of her present religious engagements to the families and meetings, within the

limits of our Yearly Meeting.— Her company and Gospel labors have been comforting and edifying to us.—

We have also the company of our esteemed friends Benjamin and Rachel Gardner as companions to our friend Mary Mercy, with requisite certificates from Nantucket Mo. Meeting on their behalf. Their company and services are also acceptable to us.—

Thos. Wilbur Clerk for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 7th. of 8th. Mo. 1851.

By the accounts from all our Monthly Meetings it appears the following friends were appointed representatives to this Meeting— from R. Island; Henry Gould, Levi Chace & John Mitchell— from Swansey; Miller Chace, Israel Raffinton and Thos. Wilbur— from South Kingstown; Thos. Foster and John Peckham— & from Providence; John J. Kenyon & Harvey Chace, who are all present.

Thos. Wilbur informed the meeting on behalf of the representatives that they had been together & were united in proposing Charles Perry for clerk, and Harvey Chace for assistant clerk of this meeting, which proposition having been approved by the meeting they were accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year or till another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting & succeeded by answers to the first, second & tenth from all our Mo. Meetings.

One of his representatives, from this to our last Yearly Meeting, reports that they all attended.

The following extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting has been received at this time viz. — At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 15th of the 6th Mo. to the 18th of the same inclusive 1851.

3d day of the week and 17th of the month.

The committee appointed yesterday morning to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, and to nominate a Treasurer, now produced the following report — which is satisfactory, and Israel Buffington is accordingly appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year; and our Quarterly meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportion of three hundred dollars ($300.), the sum named in the report, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting's proportion being forty percent is one hundred & twenty dollars ($120.).

Extracted from the minute by

Foley Mitchell

Clerk to the meeting this year.

And our Mo. meetings are requested to forward to our treasurer their respective proportions of one hundred & twenty five dollars the sum agreed to be raised for the use of this meeting this year. The clerk is directed to furnish them each with a copy of this minute.

Charles Borup — Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 6th of 11th mo. 1851.

We have received accounts from all our

Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named friends were appointed representatives to this meeting — from Rhode Island; Thos. B. Gould and John Mitchell — from Swansey; Stephen Chace, Thos. Wilbur & Nathan Buffinton — from South Kingstown Othniel Foster and John Peckham — & from Providence; George C. Kenyon & Samuel B. Chace, whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from all our Mo. meetings as descriptive of their several states

Charles Perry — Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 5th of 2nd Mo. 1852.

Accounts are recieved from all our Monthly meetings by which it appears they have appointed the following named friends representatives to this meeting — from Rhode Island; Levi Chace, & Thos. B. Gould — from Swansey; Isaac Fiske, Nathan Buffinton, Thos. Wilbur, & Philip Tripp — from South Kingstown; John Foster & John Peckham — & from Providence; John Foster & Samuel B. Chace, whose names being called they are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given.—

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first, second & tenth from all our Mo. meetings as describing their state.

Swansey Mo. meeting inform that they have directed their Treasurer to

hay to ours the sum of fifty dollars as their proportion of the Quarterly Meeting's stock.

Our beloved friend John Wilbur opened in this meeting a prospect which has rested on his mind to visit in the love of the Gospel the religious meetings of Friends in some parts of Pennsylvania and New Jersey as expressed in the certificate of South Kingstown Mo. meeting forwarded to us with the account from that meeting — after a time of deliberation thereon in which much sympathy was felt and expressed with this concern, the Meeting unites with his prospects and he is left at liberty to proceed thereon as Truth may open the way, he being a minister in unity with us; and the clerk is directed to sign this minute and furnish him with a copy thereof.

Israel Buffington, Thos. B. Gould, Harvey Chace and Charles Perry are appointed to see that our friend John Wilbur is provided with suitable company and accommodations for his journey.

Charles Perry, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich the 6th of 5th mo. 1852.

Accounts are recieved from all our Mo. meetings in which it appears they have appointed the following named friends as representatives to this meeting — from R. Island; Levi Chace & Thos. B. Gould — from Dunsey, Israel Buffington, Amos C. Wilbur, & William Wood — from South Kingstown; John Foster & Thos. Foster — & from Providence

John T. Kenyon & John Foster, whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings, from which we have compiled the following summary answers as descriptive of our present state which the clerk is directed to forward together with any other necessary extracts from our minutes to our next Yearly Meeting by our Friends - John Wilbur, Henry Gould, Daniel Foster, John Mitchell, Miller Chace, Nathan Buffinton, Harvey Chace, John Foster of Norwich, and Israel Buffinton, whom we appoint our representatives to that meeting.

Our beloved friend John Wilbur has at this time returned the certificate which was furnished him at our last Quarterly meeting, with information that he has been enabled to accomplish the visit then contemplated to Friends in some parts of Pennsylvania and New Jersey to the peace and satisfaction of his own mind, also that he attended the Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Philadelphia in the fourth mo.

Rhode Island Mo. meeting inform that they have directed their Treasurer to pay ours their usual proportion of Quarterly Meeting's stock. Providence Mo. also inform that they have directed thirty dollars to be paid to our treasurer on the like account. South Kingstown Mo. meeting's proportion is also paid.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Charles Perry. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 5th of 8th Mo. 1852.

Accounts are recieved from all our Mo: meetings by which it appears they have appointed the following named friends representatives to this meeting — from R. Island; Henry Gould, George W. Cure & Levi Chace — from Swansey; Miller Chace, Moses B. Buffinton, Thos. Wilbur & Israel Buffinton — from South Kingstown; John Foster, John Peckham & Othniel Foster — Providence; George P. Kenyon & Samuel B. Chace, whose names being called they are all present except one, — for his absence a satisfactory reason is given.

The clerk of this meeting being absent Samuel B. Chace is appointed clerk for the day.

The Queries have all been read succeeded by answers to the first, second & tenth from all our Mo: meetings as descriptive of their state.

The representatives appointed to attend our late Yearly meeting reported that they all attended.

The following extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been rec'd and read at this time, namely —

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 13th of 6th Mo to the 16th of the same inclusive 1852.

3rd day of the week & fifteenth of the mo.

The committee appointed at our first sitting to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, consider of a sum suitable for the meeting to raise, and to propose a Treasurer, have produced the following report — which is satisfactory and Israel Buffinton is accordingly appointed Treasurer for the year ensuing, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of three hundred dollars, the sum agreed upon.

Rhode Islands Quarterly Meeting's proportion being forty percent is one hundred & twenty dollars.

4th. of week & 16th of mo.
The joint committee of men & women friends to whom was refered the situation of such of the members of this meeting as maintain their adherence to the doctrines and testimonies of our religious society, within the limits of Smithfield, Falmouth, Vassalborough & Fairfield Quarterly meetings have produced the following minute.

In a view of the difficulties, and embarrassments under which divers friends labor in consequence of the general in Principle and insubordination in practice of Falmouth Smithfield, Vassalborough, and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings it is the conclusion of this meeting, that when cases occur of Friends who have manifested a sincere attachment to our ancient Principles and Testimonies, removing to live within the limits of any monthly meeting which is a branch of either Rhode Island, Salem & Dover, or Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, and make application to be recieved as their members

It is agreed that such Mo. meeting be left at liberty to recieve them, and that they be considered as members thereof according to the judgement of such meeting, and upon its recieving satisfactory evidence of their being in unity with Friends of orderly life and conversation and of having settled their outward affairs.

And in case of their being in necessitous circumstances when such application is made, or of their requiring peculiary assistance afterwards, and with in the time already prescribed by the discipline, with regard to the obtaining of settlements, they not having contributed to the funds of the meeting within the limits of which they reside. It is advised that such friends should recieve timely & needful assistance,

from their respective Mo. meetings, who are requested (if the matter should prove burdensome to them) to forward their accounts to the meeting for Sufferings, which having approved the same, the expense is to be defrayed by a draft on the Treasurer of this meeting.)

Which being read and weightily & deliberately considered, is approved and directed to be recorded.

And the subject of such of them as do not remove, as well as those friend that reside within the limits of the three Quarterly meetings who report their state to us, and who are not within the acknowledged limits of any sound monthly meeting, claiming our consideration — (It is also the sense & judgement of this meeting that the same rules and regulations may be applied under the direction and best wisdom to the relief of such sound and consistent friends, as may continue to reside within the limits of the four delinquent Quarterly meetings which have been refered to, as well as to such as are members of the three Quarterly meetings, which are still duly represented in this meeting, but who may reside within the limits of any Mo. meeting in either of these Quarters, which has not been sustained in subordination to us, by reason of the great defection in principle, and prevalent unsoundness in doctrine existing among the members of such Mo. meetings generally.)

The Friends appointed yesterday morning to unite with a committee from the women's meeting, to consider the subject and if way opened for it, prepare an essay of communication to our subordinate meetings, and the members thereof, embracing some of the exercises of the meeting and such counsel and advice as might appear best, have produced the following, which having

been read & solidly considered is approved & the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf. Extracted from the minutes and signed by direction & in behalf of the meeting by

Peleg Mitchell — Clerk to the Meeting this year.

And the clerk is requested to transcribe & forward such portions as are necessary to our Mo. meetings.

We have also received a printed epistle from the same meeting & directed to the Quarterly & Mo. meetings & individual members thereof, which has likewise been read in this meeting to our satisfaction.

Our Monthly meetings are requested to forward to the Treasurer of this meeting their respective proportions of One hundred fifty dollars, the sum agreed to be raised for the use of this meeting this year. The clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to the several Mo. meetings.

Samuel B. Chace — clerk for the Day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 4th of 11th Mo. 1852.

Accounts have been recieved from our several Monthly meetings by which it appears they have appointed the following friends to attend this meeting as representatives namely — from R. Island; Levi Chace, John Mitchell & Henry Gould — from Swansey; William Wood; Isaac Fiske, Philip Tripp & Miller Chace — from South Kingstown; Samuel Sheffield, Othniel Foster & Ethan Foster — & from Providence; George C. Kenyon

& Samuel B. Chace, whose names being called they are all present but one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been given.

The time for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired it was proposed to reappoint the same friends for the year ensuing, which was united with and accordingly Charles Perry was continued as clerk & Harvey Chace as assistant clerk for the ensuing year or till another appointment.

The Queries have been read at this time succeeded by answers to the first, second and tenth from all our mo. meetings as describing their several states.

Swansey Mo. meeting informs that they have directed their treasurer to pay to ours their quota of stock, as requested by the minute of this meeting.

Charles Perry, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 3d of 2d Mo. 1853.

Accounts have been recieved from our several Monthly meetings, by which it appears they have appointed the following friends as representatives to this meeting viz — from Rhode Island; Thos. B. Gould & Levi Chace — from Swansey, Israel Buffinton, William Wood, Nathan Buffinton, & Amos C. Wilbur — from South Kingstown; John Wilbur & Thos. Perry — & from Providence; Buffum Chace & Samuel B. Chace, whose names being called they are all present but one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second & tenth from all our Monthly meetings descriptive of their state.

Our beloved friend John Wilbur a minister in unity and good esteem with us opened in this meeting a prospect which has for a considerable time attended his mind of making a visit in the love of the Gospel to Friends & others in some parts of the State of New York and also if way opens for it to some within the limits of Pennsylvania and New Jersey and to appoint some meetings among Friends & others in those parts as expressed in a minute from South Kingstown Mo. meeting dated 24th of 1st mo. last liberating him to this service.— After a time of deliveration thereon we unite with him in his concern, and he is left at liberty to attend to this weighty engagement as Truth may open the way; and the clerk is directed to make this endorsement on the minute of South Kingstown Mo. meeting and sign it on our behalf having the unity of the Women's meeting herein.

Israel Buffinton, Charles Perry & Harvey Chace to take the necessary care that our friend John Wilbur is provided with suitable company & accommodations for his proposed visit.—

Charles Perry Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th of 5th mo. 1853.

Accounts are recieved from all our Mo. meetings by which it appears they have appointed the following named friends representatives to this meeting — from Rhode Is'd; Levi Chace & Thos. B. Gould — from Swansey; Philip Tripp, Thos. Wilbur, Nathan Buffinton & Amos C. Wilbur — from South Kingstown; John Foster, & John Peckham — & from Providence; Harvey Chace & George C. Kenyon, whose names being called they are all present except three, for the absence of two of whom satisfactory

reasons were given.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from all our Monthly meetings from which we have compiled a summary as descriptive of our present state, which we forward with an account to our Yearly Meeting next to be held on Rhode Island by John Wilbur, Othniel Foster, Thos. B. Gould, Israel Ruffinton, Miller Chace, George C. Kenyon, Lee Chace and Harvey Chace whom we appoint our reprentatives.

Rhode Island, South Kingstown & Providence Mo. meetings inform that they have directed their Treasurers to pay ours their respective proportions of stock, and I answer that their proportion has been so paid.— Our Treasurer is directed to pay our quota of Yearly Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of that meeting.

Our beloved friend John Wilbur at this time returned the minute granted him in second mo. last liberating him to pay a religious visit Friends and others in some parts of New York, Pennsylvania & New Jersey with information that the service has been accomplished to the peace & satisfaction of his own mind, a sense & measure of which was also felt in this meeting.

Our beloved friend John Wilbur having opened in this meeting a prospect of visiting in the love of the Gospel Friends and others in some parts of Great Britain & Ireland, as expressed in the certificate of South Kingstown Mo. meeting dated 25th of 4th mo. last, which was produced and read.— After a time of serious & deliberate consideration; very near sympathy & full unity with him in this important engagement were felt and expressed, and he is left at liberty and encouraged to proceed therein as Truth may open the way; and the clerk is directed to endorse this minute upon the certificate

aforesaid and sign it on our behalf, having the unity of the women's meeting herein.

Charles Perry, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Newport on the 4th of 8th mo. 1853.

We have recieved accounts from Rhode Isl'd South Kingstown & Providence Monthly meetings by which it appears they have appointed the following named friends representatives to this meeting — from Rhode Island; Henry Gould George W. Carr, & Levi Chace — from South Kingstown; John Foster & Charles Perry — & from Providence; Harvey Chace & George C. Kenyon, whose names being called they are all present.

The account from Swansey Mo. meeting through a misapprehension on the part of the clerk of that meeting that it had been forwarded, has not been recieved at this time.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second & tenth from Rhode Island, South Kingstown & Providence Mo. meetings.

One of the representatives appointed in the 5th mo. to attend our last Yearly meeting, reports that they all attended. The following extract from the minutes of that meeting having been produced at this time & read vis.—

"At our Yearly meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 12th of 6th mo. to the 16th of the same inclusive 1853.

Third day of week & 14th of the mo.

The committee appointed yesterday morning to examine & settle the Treasurer's

account and to propose a treasurer, have made the following report viz. — which is united with & Israel Buffinton is accordingly appointed treasurer for the ensuing year. And our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportion of four hundred dollars, the sum agreed upon, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Rhode Island Quarterly meetings proportion being forty percent is one hundred & sixty dollars.

Extracted from the minute by

Peleg Mitchell clerk to the meeting this year."

We conclude to appoint the following Friends a committee to examine & settle the treasurer's account; to name a sum suitable for this meeting to raise for the present year, and to propose a treasurer; namely — John T. Kenyon, Levi Chace, Nathan Buffinton & John Foster — & they are requested to report at our next meeting.

Charles Perry, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River on the 3rd of 11th mo. 1853.

Accounts are recieved from all our Monthly meetings from which it appears they have appointed the following named friends as representatives to this meeting — from Rhode Island; Henry Gould & Levi Chace — from Swansey; William Wood Edward Buffinton & Isaac Fiske — from South Kingstown; John Foster & Thos. Foster — & from Providence Harvey Chace & George C. Kenyon, whose names being called they are all present.

It having been proposed to reappoint Charles Perry clerk & Harvey Chace assistant clerk of this meeting the proposition was united with and they are accordingly continued

for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from all our two meetings to the first, second & tenth.

The committee appointed at the eighth mo. last to examine & settle the Treasurer's account and for our purchase produced the following report;

"To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

Dear Friends,

The committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account & the purchase report that they have attended to that service and find a balance due the Treasurer of forty eight dollars & nineteen cents, & propose Amos C. Wilbur for Treasurer and that the sum of two hundred & fifty dollars be raised for the use of this meeting this year present."

Fall River 11th mo. 3d 1853.

Nathan Buffinton.
John Foster.
John T. Kenyon.
Levi Chace."

Which is accepted, and Amos C. Wilbur is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this meeting for the ensuing year or until another appointment, and our several monthly meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of two hundred & fifty dollars, the sum agreed to be raised, and the clerk is directed to furnish each of them with a copy of this minute.

Charles Perry, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 2d mo. 2nd, 1854.

We have recieved accounts from all our monthly meetings by which it appears they have appointed the following friend as representatives to this meeting, namely; from Rhode Island; Henry Gould & Levi Chace — from Swansey; Wm. Wood, Thos. Wilbur & Philip Tripp and Israel Buffinton — from South Kingstown; John Foster & Chas. Perry — & from Providence; Samuel B. Chace & John Foster whose names being called they are all present but one.

Our beloved friend Chase Priston attended this meeting (having attended various of the meetings companying it) with a certificate of concurrence from Starkboro' Monthly meeting of Friends in Vermont dated 4th of 11th mo. 1853, expressing of their unity with him as a minister and in his prospect of performing a religious visit to friends & some others within the limits of our Yearly meeting, with the endorsement of Ferrisburgh Quarterly meeting as uniting therein. His company & Gospel labors have been very acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Swansey Mo. meeting inform that they have directed their treasurer to pay to ours eighty five dollars, as their proportion of Quarterly meeting's stock.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from all our monthly meetings.

Charles Perry, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 4th of 5th mo. 1854.

We have recieved accounts from all our Mo. meetings from which it appears they have appointed the following named friends as representatives to this meeting — from Rhode Island Thos. B. Gould, Geo. W. Carr & Levi Chace — from Swansey Israel Buffinton Wm. Wood & Moses B. Buffinton — from South Kingstown John Peckham & John Foster — and from Providence Geo. C. Kenyon & Samuel B. Chace whose names being called they recall present except two.

Rhode Island, South Kingstown & Providence Mo. meetings inform that they have directed their several proportions of Quarterly meeting stock to be paid to our Treasurer.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from all our Monthly meetings, and we have compiled a summary therefrom which we believe is descriptive of our present state, and which we forward with an account to our Yearly meeting next to be held in Rhode Island by our Friends — John Wilbur, Thomas B. Gould, Ethel Foster, William Wood, John T. Kenyon, Willie Chace, Levi Chace, Harvey Chace & John Foster whom we appoint our representatives to attend that meeting.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly meeting One hundred & sixty dollars as our proportion of Yearly meeting stock.

Our beloved Friend John Wilbur at this time returned the certificate of concurrence, granted him in the 5th mo. last by this meeting on account of his prospect of a religious visit to Friends & others in some parts of Great

Britain & Ireland - with the information that he had been enabled to perform the service required of him in those countries, and although many trials and much suffering fell to his lot in the fulfilment thereof; yet that Divine Help was afforded him in this weighty engagement - to his humbling admiration; and on his return home has been favored with the precious reward of peace. He also produced testimonials from several Friends in different parts of Great Britain of their unity & fellowship with him in his arduous & trying service, which have been read to our satisfaction.

Charles Perry. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Newport 3rd of 8th mo. 1854.

Accounts are recieved from all our Monthly meetings by which it appears they have appointed the following named Friends representatives to this meeting - From Rhode Island; Henry C. and George W. Carr, & Levi Chace - from Swanson; Thos. Miller Miller Chace & Israel Buffinton & from South Kingstown; Charles Perry & Othniel Foster, and from Coventry George Le Kenyon & John T. Kenyon, whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first, second & tenth from all our monthly meeting.

One of the representatives appointed to attend our last Yearly meeting, reports that they all attended, & the following extracts from the minutes of the Yearly meeting were produced and read, namely - "At our Yearly meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport Rhode Island by adjournments from the 11th of 6th mo. 1854 to the 14th of the same inclusive.

Third day of the week & 13th of mo.

The committee appointed to examine and settle the [illegible] accounts and for the purposes have made the following report;— which has been read & approved and Israel Buffington is accordingly appointed treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year and our several Quarterly meetings are requested to forward to him the respective proportions of Three hundred dollars (the sum agreed upon). Rhode Island Quarterly meetings proportion being 40 percent is One hundred & twenty dollars.

Fourth day of the week & 14th of the Month.

The committee appointed at a previous sitting to consider the subject of extending the minute of 1852, have recommended to the Yearly meeting the adoption of the following, which having been read was approved, the women's meeting uniting therein.

(Minute) It is the sense and judgment of this meeting that so much of the minute adopted in the year 1852 as relates to removals be extended and its benefits applied to such sound & consistent Friends as may remove into any Mo. meeting which is a branch of either Rhode Isl'd Salem & Dover or Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, from within the limits of any other Yearly meeting, on their making application to such Mo. meeting, and producing such evidence of their right of membership and the settlement of their outward affairs, as is required in said minute."

"Extracted from the minutes and signed by direction in behalf of the Yearly meeting by

Peleg Mitchell clerk this year."

whereupon we appoint our friends Levi Chace, Miller Chase, Charles Perry & Harvey Chace to examine & settle the treasurer's account, consider of a sum suitable to be raised for the use of this meeting the ensuing year & to produce a Treasurer and report at our next meeting.

The clerk is directed to furnish each of our Mo. meetings with a copy of the Minute of the Yearly meeting relating to removals — to be placed on their records.

Our beloved Friend Thomas B. Gould having in a weighty manner opened in this meeting a prospect, which has long attended his mind, to visit in the love of the Gospel the Meetings of Friends in some part of New York, Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio Yearly Meetings and if way should open for it to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting of Ohio, and also to appoint some meetings among those not of our Society, as expressed by the certificate granted him by Rhode Island Mo. meeting dated 28th of 7th mo. last; after time of solid deliberation thereon full unity and marks of sympathy with him in the religious engagement were felt & expressed, and he was set at liberty & encouraged to pursue his prospect as Truth may open the way, he being a friend well approved among us exemplary in his life & conversation and his ministry sound & edifying. The clerk is directed to make this endorsement and sign it on behalf of this meeting.

We appoint Levi Chace, Israel Buffington, Harvey Chace & Thomas Wilbur to take the necessary care that our friend Thomas B. Gould has suitable company and accommodations for his contemplated journey.

Charles Perry, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Fall River 2d of 4th mo. 1854.

Accounts are received from all our monthly meetings from which it appears they have appointed the following named friends to attend this meeting representatives, from Rhode Island; Thos. B. Gould, Levi Chace & Geo. W. Carr from Swansey; Thos. Wilbur, Philip Tripp & Stephen Hart — from South Kingstown; Daniel Foster & Ethan Foster — from Providence; Harvey Chace & John Foster, whose names

being called they are all present except one.

One of the representatives reported that most of them had been together and were united in proposing Charles Perry for clerk & Harvey Chace for assistant clerk which proposition is approved and they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year or until another appointment. —

Rhode Island & Providence Monthly Meetings acknowledge the receipt of an extract from the Minutes of this meeting embracing one from the Yearly Meeting for record.

The Queries have been read in this meeting [illegible] to all our mo. meetings to the first, second & tenth.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to examine & settle the Treasurers account and for other purposes, not being ready to report they are continued and requested to report to our next Meeting.

Charles Perry. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 1st of 2d mo. 1855.

By the accounts recieved from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that their representatives to this meeting are, — from Rhode Isl'd; [illegible] Chace & Thos. B. Gould — [illegible]; Amos C. Wilbur, Isaac Fisher & [illegible] Baffinton — from South Kingstown; [illegible] Foster and Ethan Foster — from Providence; [illegible] Chace & Jeremiah Foster, whose names being called they are all present but one.

Our beloved friend Nathan Page attended this meeting and produced a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends [illegible] of its unity with him as a minister and with his concern to attend Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, and some meetings within its limits & also some within the limits of this Quarterly Meeting & to appoint some meetings among Friends and others therein. His company and Gospel labors have been acceptable and satisfactory to us.

The Queries have been read in this meeting & the first, second & tenth succeed by answers from all our Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurers account presented the following report ——— which is accepted & approved & Amos C. Wilbur is accordingly appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year or until another appointment. And our several Monthly Meetings are requested to pay to him their respective proportions of two hundred dollars the sum agreed to be raised — & the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

Charles Perry. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich on the [illegible] 1855.

Accounts are recieved from all our Monthly Meetings from which it appears they have appointed the following named Friends representatives to this meeting — from Rhode Island; Thos. B. Gould & Levi Chace — from Smithsey; Israel Buffinton, Isaac Fiske & William Wood — from South Kingstown; John Foster & John Peckham — & from Providence; Harvey Chace & Geo. C. Kenyon, whose names being called they are all present.

Our several Monthly Meetings inform that they have directed their respective treasurers to pay to ours their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock.

The Queries have been read in this meeting & succeeded by answers from all our Monthly Meetings from which the following summary has been compiled, which we think is in accordance with our present State, and which is directed to be forwarded with an account to our Yearly Meeting next to be held in Rhode Island by our friends — William Hill, John Wilbur, Ethmel Foster, Thos. B. Gould, Harvey Chace, Israel Buffinton, Chas. Perry, Levi Chace, and Jeremiah Foster, whom we have appointed our representatives.

Our treasurer is directed to pay to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock.

The following extract from the minutes of our Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders has been recieved & read in this meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward the same to the Yearly Meeting with the account.

"Extract from the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at East Greenwich 2d of 5th mo. 1855."

"Apprehending that convenience & usefulness would result from this meeting commencing at the third hour in the afternoon of the day preceding the general Quarterly Meeting, when it is held at East Greenwich, instead of the eleventh hour in the morning as heretofore — such of its members as are now present are united in requesting of the Yearly Meeting that this change in the time of holding it may be made, and the clerk is directed to furnish the Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Thomas B. Gould. Clerk for the day."

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 2d of 8th Mo. 1855.

We have recieved accounts from all our Monthly Meetings and the following Friends are therein named as representatives to this meeting — from Rhode Island; Henry Gould, Levi Chase & George W. Carr — from Swansey; William Hill, Israel Buffinton & Miller Chace — from South Kingstown; Othniel Foster & Charles Perry — & from Providence; Harvey Chace & George C. Kenyon, whose names being called they are all present.

Our beloved Friend Chase Purinton attended this meeting and produced a minute from Starksboro' Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Lincoln the 30th of 3d mo. last, certifying that he is a minister in unity with them & expressive of their unity with him in his present religious engagement; with an endorsement from Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting dated 4th of 4th mo. last concurring therewith. His company & gospel labors are very acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the first second & tenth from all our monthly meetings.

The representatives appointed 5th mo. last to attend the Yearly meeting report that they all attended except one who was prevented by sickness in his family. They also produced the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting which has been read in this meeting to our edification & comfort & the clerk is directed to furnish each of our monthly meetings with a copy thereof—

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 10th of the 6th mo. to the 13th of the same inclusive 1855.

4th day of the week & 13th of the month.

The meeting was deeply exersized under a painful sense of the many weaknesses & deficiences existing within our borders, & the truly living and rightly exersized members were brought to feel that there is still much amongst us that calls for close searching of heart.

Powerful and living testimonies were borne to the necessity there is for some making profession with us, to arise and shake themselves as from the dust of the earth, to watch even unto prayer, that so they may be preserved from the many snares of the Enemy with which we are continually surrounded and come more fully to realize the necessity of keeping a single eye unto Him who hath called us with a high & holy calling & who as we look unto Him for ability and strength, will enable us to over-come the world, to resist the many tentations of the adversary, and finally as patience is abode in, make us more than conquerors through Him.

We have indeed been made clearly to realize

that the mercies of the Lord have been largely extended unto us — a people whom he had designed for his praise & to exalt his standard of Truth & Righteousness in the earth and to whom way has been made that they might grow & flourish even as plants of his own right hand planting; but some of us through unwatchfulness & indifference have suffered themselves to be drawn aside from the right way, thereby bringing reproach upon the blessed cause of Truth, and mourning in the spirits of the living rightly exersized members, so that some of these have been ready to exclaim "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not" and the language of the spirit to the Church hath seemed to be "What could have been done more in my vineyard that I have not done in it? Therefore when I expect that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?"

Friends were feelingly exhorted to be more faithful in the maintenance of our Christian testimonies, that by an humble & consistent walking in all things, they might witness a growth in grace, and in the knowledge of the Truth.

They were earnestly reminded of the importance of a diligent attendance of all our meetings for religious worship & discipline and encouraged to faithfulness therein. "Do forsaking the assembling ourselves together as the manner of some is but exhorting one another."

Much weighty counsel & affectionate advice was called forth in view of the case of deficiencies sorrowfully apparent in the answer to the query in regard to slackness in our religious meetings, and the mournful language of our blessed Lord to Peter in the garden of Gethsemane was feelingly uttered to — "What could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch & pray that ye enter not into temptation."

And living desires were raised and expressed that all our members whether present or absent who have thus brought sorrow on the

Church, might seek for help to overcome this prevalent weakness; that by continued watchfulness the designs of the enemy might be defeated, and we might become more firmly built up & established on the alone sure foundation. And all that might be made willing to search Jerusalem as with a lighted candle; that everything that can hurt or lay waste may be removed from among us, and our light be made so to shine unto men, that they seeing our good works may come to glorify Our Father who is in Heaven."

Extracted from the minutes and signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting this

Peleg Mitchell - Clerk this year.

The following additional extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting have also been produced instead — namely —

"Extract from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport in Rhode Island by adjournments from the 10th of 6th mo. to the 13th of the same inclusive 1855.

2nd day of the week & 11th of the month.

A proposition was introduced to the meeting to change the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders of Rhode Island, when held at East Greenwich on the 5th mo. as expressed in the following extract from the minutes of that meeting contained in the account from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. Viz. —

"Apprehending that convenience and usefulness would result from this meeting commencing at the third hour in the afternoon of the day preceding the general Quarterly meeting when it is held at East Greenwich, instead of the 11th hour in the morning as heretofore such of its members as are now present are united in requesting of the Yearly Meeting that this change in the time of holding it may be made; and the clerk is

directed to furnish the Quarterly meeting with a copy of this minute. Thos. B. Gould. clerk for the day.

Which having been deliberately considered, the change proposed was approved by this & the women's meeting, and the clerk was directed to furnish Rhode Island Quarterly meeting with a copy of this minute.

3d day afternoon the 12th. The committee appointed to examine & settle the treasurer's account, consider of a sum suitable for the meeting to raise, and to propose a friend for treasurer — have made the following report — which was approved & Israel Buffinton was accordingly appointed treasurer for the ensuing year; and our several Quarterly meetings are requested to forward to him, their respective proportion of three hundred dollars ($300), the sum agreed to be raised; and the clerk was directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute."

"Extracted from the minutes and signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting by—
Peleg Mitchell — Clerk this year."

"Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting's proportion being 48 percent is One hundred & twenty dollars."

Whereupon we appoint our friends — William Hill, Miller Chase, Harvey Chase, George [illegible] Kenyon, Levi Chase, Thos. [illegible], [illegible] Foster & Charles Perry, to examine & settle the treasurer's account, consider of a sum suitable to be raised by this meeting for the ensuing year and to propose a treasurer and report at our next meeting.

Our clerk is directed to furnish the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders with a copy of the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting with regard to the change of time in holding that meeting in the 6th mo; and

he is also directed to furnish each of our Monthly Meetings with a copy of the same.

An extract from the minutes of Starkshore Mo. meeting of Friends held at Lincoln 3rd of 3d mo. last on behalf of Ruth H. Purinton wife of Chase Purinton, who accompanied her husband in his present religious visit, has been produced and read in this meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Thos. B. Coal returned the minute granted him by Rhodes Mo. meeting in the seventh mo. last year with the endorsements of this meeting thereon, for religious service within the limits of several Yearly Meetings in this land, with the information that he had been enabled to preform the service which he believed to be required of his hand, to his own peace of mind and the satisfaction of faithful Friends amongst whom he was called to labor. He also produced a returning minute dated 5th mo. last from New York Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Poplar Ridge, which he attended, expressive of their satisfaction with his company & Gospel labors; which, is acceptable to us, and is directed to be recorded—

Charles Perry, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 1st of 4th mo. 1855.

We have recieved accounts from all our Mo. meetings; the representatives therein named, to this meeting are—from Rhode Island;—Henry B. Gould, of Sem Chace—Lawrence; William Hill, Isaac Fiske & Stephen Hart—from South Kingstown; Ethanel Foster & Thomas Coste & from Providence; John T. Kenyon & Samuel B. Chace, who being called they were present except three for whose absence & satisfactory reasons were assigned.

The clerk of this meeting being absent Thos. Wilbur is appointed to act as clerk at this time.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and succeeded by answers to the first, second & tenth from all our mo. meetings.

The committee appointed in the 8th mo. last to settle the Treasurer's accounts, name a treasurer and propose a sum suitably to be raised for the use of this meeting the present year, report as follows, ——— which is acceptable to this meeting & Mr. Hill is appointed treasurer for the ensuing year in keeping with said report, and our Mo. meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of said sum of One hundred & fifty dollars to him, and the clerk is directed to furnish each of our Mo. meetings with a copy of this minute.

Our esteemed friend Thomas B. Gould produced at this time a returning minute from Starksborough Quarterly meeting of 8th mo. last expressive of their satisfaction and unity with his late visit among them, and which is satisfactory to this meeting.

Our esteemed friend Chase Rurinton attended our Quarterly meeting in the 8th mo. last with the necessary credentials from his own Monthly meeting & Quarterly meeting; and having accomplished his contemplated service among friends within our limits, by visiting most of the meetings and families to the edification and comfort of Friends, Our clerks are directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Thomas Willbur - Clerk
for the day.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 7th of 2nd mo. 1856.

Accounts are received from our several Monthly meetings and the representatives therein named to this meeting are - from Rhode Island; Thomas B. Gould & Levi Chace - from Swansey; Thomas Willbur, Philip Tripp, Israel Buffinton & Willbur Chace, from South Kingstown; John Willbur & Chas. Perry - & from Providence; Samuel B. Chace & John Foster, whose names being called they are all present but one, for whose absence a sufficent reason was given.

One of the representatives informs that several of this number have conferred together and concluded to propose the name of Charles Perry for clerk and Harvey Chace for assistant clerk of this meeting, which being united with, they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

Swansey, South Kingstown & Providence Mo. meetings inform that they have directed their treasurers to pay to ours their respective proportion of Quarterly Meeting's stock.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the first, second & tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings. —

Charles Perry, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo 1st 1856.

Accounts are received from all our Monthly meetings and the following friends named therein as representatives to this meeting; from Rhode Island; [illegible] Chace & George V. Carr — from Swansey; William Hill, Israel Buffinton, Thos Wilbur & [illegible] Chace — South Kingstown; Samuel Sheffield & John Foster — Providence; Harvey Chace & George C. Kenyon, whose names being called they are all present but one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was rendered.

Rhode Island Monthly meeting informs that they have directed their Treasurer to pay to ours their proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock.

The Queries have been read and succeeded by answers from all our Monthly Meetings from which the following summary has been compiled, which we think describes the state of this meeting, and which is directed to be forwarded with our account to our next Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the 6th month next, by our friends, Ethniel Foster, Thos. Wilbur, Levi Chace, Harvey Chace, Israel Buffinton, William Hill, John Foster of Warwick and Charles Perry whom we appoint our representatives.

A memorial from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting respecting our beloved Friend Thomas B. Gould, late deceased, has been read in this and the monthly meeting; and is approved and directed to be forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings.

Our treasurer is directed to pay to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting One hundred & twenty dollars, our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock.

One of the representatives from Rhode Island informs that at their last monthly meeting it was concluded to bring the present situation of that meeting to the notice of the Yearly Meeting, desiring that such assistance as it may deem needful should be extended in the case; whereupon we appoint our friends Elmer Foster, William Hall, [illegible], Isaac Griffith, [illegible] and Harvey [illegible] to attend that Monthly Meeting, as way may be opened for it, and render such assistance as they may be enabled to, for the [illegible] of Truth's testimonies therein, [illegible] report to this meeting from time to time [illegible].

Our clerk is directed to make any necessary extracts from our minutes, sign them on our behalf, and forward to the Yearly Meeting by [illegible].

Charles Perry, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport [illegible] of 8th month 1856.

Accounts are recieved from all our Monthly Meeting from which it appears that the following [illegible] are appointed [illegible] to this meeting — viz. from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from South Kingstown; [illegible] Sheffield & Charles Perry — and from Providence; Harvey Chace and John Foster, [illegible] being called they are all present but on.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and succeeded by answers to the first, [illegible] & Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Joseph Tripp attended this Meeting with a certificate from Hector [illegible] Meeting of Friends held 12th [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to Friends and others with the [illegible] of this Yearly Meeting, [illegible] [illegible] from Sapho Quarterly [illegible] Hector [illegible] of 4th Month last, he being a minister in unity with them. His company and [illegible] labors have been [illegible] [illegible] to us.

The following extracts from the Yearly Meeting have been received and read viz — At our Yearly Meeting of Friend for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 15th of the 6th Month to the 18th of the same inclusive 1856.

[illegible] of the week and Seventeenth of the month.

[illegible] appointed this morning [illegible] [illegible] the following report — [illegible]

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting 40 percent,
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting 40 " "
Salem & Dover Quarterly Meeting 15 " "

On behalf of the committee, Israel Buffinton Which having been read and considered was approved by the meeting.

The committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes have made the [illegible] Buffinton is accordingly appointed Treasurer for the year [illegible] are requested to forward their respective proportions of $300 dollars, the sum proposed to be raised.

Extracted from the minutes & signed [illegible] on behalf of the Meeting by

Peleg Mitchell.

[illegible]

[illegible] proportion being 45 per cent is $135 [illegible] Buffinton to examine and settle the Treasurer's account [illegible] meeting for the ensuing year and to propose a Treasurer; [illegible] also requested to propose an apportionment of stock to our several Monthly [illegible] meeting.

One of the representatives appointed to [illegible] all attended.

[illegible]

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 6th of 11th Month 1856.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting — From Rhode Island; Levi Chase and George W. Carr — from Swanzey; Thomas B. Buffington, Israel Buffington and Thomas Wilbur — from South Kingstown; Athneil Foster and John Foster, and from Providence, John T. Kenyon and George C. Kenyon whose names being called, they are at present but one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the first second and tenth.

The Committee appointed in the 8th month last to examine and settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes, produced the following report viz:—

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes, report that on examining the accounts, they find a balance in the Treasury of Twelve Dollars and twenty cents ($12 $\frac{20}{100}$), and propose that One hundred and fifty dollars be raised for the use of the meeting the ensuing year, also propose William Hill for Treasurer. The following appointment is recommended to each of the Monthly Meetings—

Rhode Island —	8	percent.
Swanzey —	42	" "
South Kingstown —	24	" "
Providence —	26	" "
	100 —	

On behalf of the Committee

Jeremiah Foster.
Levi Chase.

11th Month. 5. 1856.

which being acceptable to the meeting. William Hill is accordingly appointed treasurer for the ensuing year, and our several monthly meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of One hundred and fifty Dollars, the sum agreed to be raised and the clerks are directed to forward to them a copy of this minute together with the apportionment now concluded on.

Our beloved Friend Joseph Tripp from Hector Monthly Meeting in the State of New York attended this meeting in the 8th month last, with satisfactory certificates from his Monthly & Quarterly Meetings, and having since accomplished his religious service within our limits, and his continuing and zealous labors having been acceptable and edifying to Friends, our Clerks are directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Charles Perry Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 5th. of 2d month 1857.

Accounts are received from all our Monthly Meetings from which it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives of this meeting — from Rhode Island; Levi Chase and Henry Gould — from Swansey; Isaac Fiske, William Gill and Israel Brittain — from South Kingstown; Ethan Foster & Jos. Perry — and from Providence; Ruffum Chace & John T. Hanson, whose names being called they are all present but one.

Israel Buffinton in behalf of the representatives informs that they are united in proposing the reappointment of Charles Perry for clerk & Harvey Chace for assistant clerk of this Meeting for the year ensuing - after being separately considered and approved they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively.

Our beloved friend Nathan Page attended this meeting with a certificate from Salem Monthly Meeting held at Lynn in the 11th. month last, setting him at liberty to attend to religious service, as therein expressed, within the limits of Sandwich and Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings. His company and Gospel labors have been satisfactory and edifying to us, and he is encouraged to persue his prospect as Truth may open the way.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with approved answers to the first, second and tenth from all our Monthly meetings.

Charles Perry Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 7th of 5th mo. 1857.

Accounts are received from all our Monthly meetings, by which it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting - from Rhode Island, Henry Gould, Levi Chase & George W. Carr; from Swanzey - Isaac Fiske, William T. Wood and Miller Chace; from South Kingstown - Ethan Foster & Samuel Sheffield; and from Providence - George C.

Kenyon and Samuel B. Chace, whose names being present they are all present except two.

The several Monthly meetings inform that they have directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting their respective proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from all our Monthly meetings and we have compiled the the following summary therefrom as descriptive of our present state which is directed to be forwarded with an account to the Yearly Meeting next to be held on Rhode Island by our Friends Miller Chace, Israel Buffinton, Othniel Foster, Charles Perry, Harvey Chace, Levi Chase, Joseph Brinton, Ethan Foster and John T. Kenyon whom we appoint our representatives.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer our proportion of Yearly Meeting's Stock.

The Committee appointed 5th mo. last year to attend and assist Rhode Island Monthly Meeting as may should offer for it produced the following report,

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

The Committee appointed in 5th mo. last to render some assistance to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in their stripped condition report that some of our number have attended most of their Monthly meetings since that time to pretty good satisfaction and think that Friends of that meeting will be able to hold it for the present

without a committee from the Quarterly Meeting which is submitted to the Meeting.

East Greenwich, 5th Mo 7. 1857.

On behalf of the Committee.

Miller Chace.

Israel Buffinton.

which is accepted and the committee is released from further care in the case.

Our beloved Friend Nathan Page having concluded the religious service within our limits, in which he was engaged at the time of our last meeting, to the satisfaction of Friends, our clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of the minute made last Quarter, in regard thereto, and sign it in our behalf.

The clerk is directed to make any necessary extracts from our minutes sign them on our behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting.

Memorials from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting respecting our late beloved Friends John & Lydia Wilbur and Thomas Foster have been read in this meeting to our satisfaction and comfort — our women Friends being also present at the reading — they are approved and directed to be forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings.

Charles Perry. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 6th of the 8mo. 1857.

Accounts are recieved from all our Monthly Meetings, from which it appears the following named friends were appointed representatives to this Meeting, from Rhode Island - [illegible], Joseph Brinton & George W. [illegible]; from Swanzey - William Hill & William F. Wood; South Kingstown - John Foster & John Peckham; Providence - Harvey Chace, George C. Kenyon who are all present except two.

The clerk of the Meeting being absent [illegible] is appointed Clerk for the day.

The [illegible] have been read and succeeded by answers, to the first, second, & tenth from all our Monthly Meetings.

One of the representatives appointed in the 5th mo. to attend the Yearly Meeting, reports that they all attended.

The following extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting have been received and read - viz.

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 14th of the 6th month to the 17th of the same inclusive 1857.

3rd day of the week & 16th of the month. The committee appointed yesterday morning to [illegible] and settle the [illegible] account and for other purposes have made the following report — which having been considered was approved, and Israel Ruffinton accordingly appointed [illegible] for the year ensuing or until another appointment. And our Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to him

their respective proportions of three hundred dollars, the amount proposed to be raised.
And the clerk was directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting's proportion being forty five per cent, is one hundred & thirty five dollars.
Extracted from the minutes & signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting by
Peleg Mitchell,

Clerk this year.

Whereupon we appoint Harvey Chase, Israel Buffington, Thomas Perry & Lois Chase to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, consider of a suitable sum to be raised by this Meeting for the year ensuing; and propose the name of a suitable Friend for Treasurer, and report at our next meeting.

Providence Monthly Meeting proposes that their monthly meetings in future be held at East Greenwich in the ninth, tenth, seventh, third, forth & fifth months, and at North Providence in the twelfth, first, second, sixth, seventh and eighth months, on the same days, and at the same hour as heretofore. With which this meeting unites and the monthly meetings are to be held accordingly beginning in East Greenwich in the ninth month next. The women's meeting unites with the proposition. And the clerk is requested to furnish Providence Monthly Meeting a copy of this minute.

Israel Buffington Clerk for day

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River on the [illegible] of eleventh month 1857.

Accounts are recieved from all our Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named are from Rhode Island, Sam Clarke, & George W. Carr; Swanzey, William Hill & William West; from South Kingston, Ethan Foster & John Foster; Providence, John T. Kenyon & George C. Kenyon, & his names being called, they are all present but one.

The Queries have been read in the Meeting with answers to the first, second & tenth from all our Monthly Meetings. —

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to examine and settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes, has presented the following report, namely —

"To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends. The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account & for other purposes report, that we have examined the accounts and find them correctly kept, and find the balance in his hands to be Eighteen 45/100 Dollars. We propose that the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting for the year ensuing, and have united in recommending the name of William Hill for Treasurer."

"Thomas Perry, on behalf of the Committee."

"Fall River, 11th mo. 4th 1857."

which is satisfactory and William Hill is accordingly appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year. Overseas at Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of One hundred and fifty dollars, the amount agreed to be raised, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

Charles Perry, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 11th of 2d mo. 1858.

Accounts are received from all our Monthly Meetings and the representatives named therein are from Rhode Island Joseph Brinton & George W. Carr; from Swanzey - Isaac Fisher & William Hill; from South Kingstown - John Foster & John Pickham; & from Providence John T. Kenyon & Jonathan Chace, whose names being called they are all present except two for the absence of one of whom a satisfactory reason has been rendered.

One of the representatives informs that most of them have confused together and unite in proposing Ethan Foster for clerk and Joseph Brinton for assistant clerk of this meeting, which being united with they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively, for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with appropriate answers to the first, second & tenth from all our Monthly Meetings.—

Swanzey and South Kingstown Monthly Meetings inform that they have directed their respective proportions of Quarterly Meeting Stock to be paid over to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

Ethan Foster. Clerk.

At [illegible] Island [illegible] Meeting of [illegible] 1858.

[illegible] herein named are - [illegible] Phillip Tripp; [illegible] Kingston [illegible] Kenyon whose names being called they are all present.

Rhode Island and Providence Monthly Meetings [illegible] that they have [illegible] to the [illegible] of this meeting.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting [illegible] from which the following summary has been [illegible] the present state of this meeting, which is directed to be forwarded with our account to the ensuing Yearly Meeting [illegible] Rhode Island in the 6th month next by our Friends - [illegible] Tripp, William Hill, [illegible] Foster, Charles Perry, John T. Kenyon, [illegible] Foster, [illegible] Buffington, & [illegible] Buffington [illegible] representatives.

[illegible] Kingston [illegible] Meeting [illegible] John Foster [illegible] Elder, with which this Meeting jointly with the Women's Meeting unite, and direct [illegible] forwarded to the [illegible] Meeting, and William Hill is [illegible] the Select Quarterly Meeting of this [illegible].

The Treasurer of this Meeting is directed to [illegible] to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting [illegible] hundred and thirty four dollars [illegible] of Yearly Meeting Stock.

The clerk of this meeting is directed to make the necessary [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] copy [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

[illegible] [illegible], Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 5th of 8th mo 1858.

The accounts received from our several monthly meetings inform that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz: [illegible] Joseph [illegible] & [illegible] Chace; Swansea, Israel [illegible] & William Wells; [illegible] [illegible] Catharine [illegible] & John [illegible]; Providence, George C. Kenyon & Harvey Chace, who [illegible] [illegible] being called they are all present but one.

The Queries have been read & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] answers to the first, second & [illegible] [illegible] our Monthly Meetings [illegible].

The Friends appointed to inform the [illegible] Monthly Meeting of the appointment of [illegible] [illegible] to the station of an Elder, [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The following extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been received and read, viz:

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 13th of 6th mo. to [illegible] [illegible] of the same inclusive 1858.

Third day of the week of 5th of the month. The committee appointed yesterday morning to examine and settle the Treasurer's account to conclude upon a sum suitable for the Meeting to raise and to propose a friend for Treasurer, have produced the following report — which was satisfactory to the Meeting and [illegible] Buffington was accordingly appointed Treasurer for the year ensuing or until another appointment, and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of two hundred dollars, the sum agreed to be raised; and the clerk was directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes and signed in direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Peleg Mitchell. Clerk this year."

"Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting's Apportion being 40 per cent is Ninety dollars." Thereupon we appoint [illegible], [illegible] Buffington, George [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Chase, Ormond Foster & Ethan Foster a committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, [illegible] suitable sum to be raised by the meeting for the ensuing year to propose a Treasurer and report at a future meeting.

Ethan Foster, clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 4th of 11th mo. 1858.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting from Rhode Island: Levi Chase & George [illegible], Swanzey; Miller Chace and William Wood, [illegible] Kingstown; Charles Perry and Ethanel Foster, Providence; John T. Kenyon & Jeremiah Foster, whose names being called they are all present except one.

The committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes made the following report, namely:— To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

"The committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes report that we have attended thereto and find in his hands four dollars and sixty four cents. We recommend to raise the hundred and fifty dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and propose William Hill for Treasurer."

"Fall River 11 mo. 3d 1858.

On behalf of the Committee Ethan Foster" which is satisfactory and William Hill is accordingly appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year. Our several Monthly Meetings are requested to pay over to our Treasurer a proportion of one hundred and fifty dollars the same proposed to be raised and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first second & tenth from our several Monthly Meetings.

Ethan Foster. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 24 [illegible] 1857.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] George W. Carr & Joseph [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Philip Tripp; South Kingstown — Othneil Foster & Charles Perry; Providence — George C. [illegible] & Duffum Chace, whose names being called they are all present except one.

The representatives inform that they are united in proposing Ethan Foster for clerk & Joseph Brinton for assistant clerk of this Meeting [illegible] being separately considered [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] appointed to those stations respectively for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] attended this meeting with a certificate from Salem Monthly Meeting held at Salem 13th of 1st mo. 1857, expressive of their unity with him as a minister and with his concern to attend this Meeting and most of the Meetings constituting it and of others also also of appointing some meetings within its limits among Friends and others, as also appointing some meetings among Friends and others within the limits of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from our several Quarterly Meetings.

Swanzey Monthly Meeting informs that they have directed their treasurer to pay over to the Treasurer of this meeting sixty dollars their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly [illegible] at East Greenwich 5th of 5th mo. 1859.

[illegible] from which it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting [illegible] George W. [illegible] Fish, [illegible] South Kingstown [illegible] Providence [illegible] called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting answered by [illegible] the following summary [illegible] forwarded [illegible] Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the 6th mo. next, by our friends [illegible] appoint representatives to that Meeting.

Rhode Island, South Kingstown and Providence Monthly Meetings [illegible] Quarterly Meeting Stock [illegible] this Meeting.

The [illegible] to pay over to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our [illegible] Yearly Meeting Stock.

[illegible] furnish our [illegible] with a copy of the minutes [illegible] last Meeting [illegible].

[illegible] necessary [illegible] the minutes of this Meeting sign them on our behalf, and forward them [illegible] Yearly Meeting [illegible] representatives.

[illegible]

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 4th of 8th mo. 1859.

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings [illegible] appears that the following [illegible] appointed representatives to this Meeting — from Rhode Island — [illegible] Israel Buffington; [illegible] Israel Buffington; [illegible] Ethan Foster; John Foster; [illegible] John [illegible] called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from our several Monthly Meetings.

One of the representatives from this Meeting [illegible] attended our last Yearly Meeting, reports that they all attended the several sittings of that Meeting with the exception of one.

[illegible] Foster, John T. Kenyon, Charles [illegible], Ethan Foster, Israel Buffington, Philip Tripp, Joseph Brinton and [illegible] are appointed a committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's account [illegible] suitable to be [illegible], for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, propose a treasurer and report to a future Meeting.

Ethan Foster Clerk.

[illegible] Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 3d of 11th mo. 1859.

Account [illegible] Monthly Meetings by which it appears the following named Friends are appointed [illegible] to this meeting from Rhode Island [illegible] Charles [illegible] Carr; [illegible] Philip [illegible] William [illegible] Amos C. Wilbur; [illegible] Ethan Foster and John W. Foster; Providence John Foster and John [illegible] they are all present.

The Queries [illegible] in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first, second and tenth from our several Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes made the following report, viz.

"The Committee appointed to settle the [illegible] account [illegible] report that they have attended to the duties of their appointment and find a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of Forty nine dollars and sixty four cents — and that it does not appear necessary to raise any money for the use of the Quarterly Meeting this year. We propose Amos C. Wilbur for Treasurer.

On behalf of the Committee

Charles Perry."

"Fall River, 11th mo. 2, 1859."

which is accepted and Amos C. Wilbur is accordingly appointed Treasurer for the year ensuing, and the clerk is directed to furnish the [illegible] Monthly Meetings with a copy of this minute, and the former Treasurer is requested to pay over to the Friend [illegible] the balance in his hands.

Ethan Foster, Clerk

[illegible] Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 2d Mo. 2nd 1860.

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings, by which it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting; from Rhode Island - Joseph Brinton [illegible] Swansey - [illegible] C. [illegible] and Israel Ruffinton; South Kingstown - Charles Perry and Ethan Foster; Providence - John Foster, and Harvey Chace, whose names being called they are all present except one.

Israel Ruffinton on behalf of the representatives, informs that they have been together and [illegible] Ethan Foster for clerk and Joseph Brinton for assistant clerk of this Meeting, which being separately considered are united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively, for the year ensuing or till another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the first, second and sixth from our several Monthly Meetings.

Ethan Foster Clerk.

[illegible] Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 3d of 5th Mo. 1860.

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting; from Rhode Island - Levi Chace and George [illegible]; Swansey - Philip [illegible] Chace & Moses Ruffinton; South Kingstown - Samuel Sheffield & Ethan Foster; Providence - Harvey Chace & John Foster whose names being called, they are all present

except two.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers from all our Monthly Meetings, from which the following summary has been compiled as descriptive of the present state of the Society within our limits, which is directed to be forwarded with our account to the ensuing Yearly Meeting, to be held on Rhode Island in the sixth month next, by our friends Miller Chase, Othneil Foster, Charles Perry, Levi Chase, Philip Tripp, Harvey Chase, John Kenyon and Joseph Brinton, whom we appoint our representatives.

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting was proposed to this Meeting, the appointment of Ethan Foster to the station of Elder, which after a time of deliberation thereon, was referred to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport, 4th of 6th Mo. 1860.

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting; from Rhode Island George Wilcox & Joseph Brinton; Swansey — Israel Buffington, Miller Chase and Moses Buffington; South Kingstown — Charles Perry & John Peckham; Providence — Harvey Chase and George C. Kenyon, whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from our several Monthly Meetings.

The proposition of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in regard to the appointment of

Ethan Foster to the station of an Elder coming again under consideration, it was concluded to refer it to our next Meeting.

Our beloved friend Narissa S. Coffin attended this Meeting with a certificate from Nantucket Monthly of Friends held 31st of 7th Month 1866 liberating her for religious service within the limits of this Yearly Meeting and expressive of their unity with her as a minister, and of her perfect in regard to this service. Her company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Dr. Chas. [illegible] John Peckham and John Foster of Warwick are appointed a committee to examine and settle the treasurer's account, consider of a sum suitable to be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, propose a treasurer, and report at our next meeting.

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting informs that it is the conclusion of that Meeting that their meetings be hereafter held as follows: At Westerly in the first, fourth, seventh & tenth months - at Hopkinton in the second, fifth, eight and eleventh months, and at South Kingstown in the third, sixth, ninth & twelfth months, which is approved by this Meeting and also by that of the [illegible]

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 1st of 11th Mo 1866.

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named Friends were appointed representatives to the meeting; from Rhode Island — Lewis Chase and George W. Carr; Swansey — Millard Chase and Isaac Tinkey; South Kingstown — John W. Foster, Samuel Shaffield and Charles Perry; Providence — Vernon Chase and John Foster, whose names being called they are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and the fifth from our several Monthly Meetings.

The proposition of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting referred by minute of our last meeting was again considered, and although it appears that the Meeting from its first introduction therein, has been very nearly united in acceding thereto yet as it was not entirely so, the subject is at the suggestion of a friend who had objections to the proposition and at the request of Ethan Foster dismissed from the minutes and the clerk is directed to furnish South Kingstown Monthly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to examine and settle the Treasurer's account not being ready to report are continued and requested to report at our next meeting.

Our friend Narcissa B. Coffin having finished to visit within the limits of this meeting, the clerk is requested to sign a minute made by the Women's Meeting on her behalf.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

[illegible] Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence [illegible] of 2nd mo. 1861.

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings by [illegible] informed that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting: From Rhode Island, Joseph Brinton and Levi Chase, Swansey — Philip Tripp, Israel Buffinton and Isaac Fiske; South Kingstown — Charles Perry & John Foster; Providence — John T. [illegible] & S. Chace, whose names being called they are all present.

Israel Buffinton on behalf of the representatives informs that they have confered together and are [illegible] in proposing the reappointment of Ethan Foster for clerk of this Meeting and Joseph Brinton for assistant clerk, which being separately [illegible] and they are accordingly appointed to these stations respectively for the year ensuing or [illegible] another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first [illegible] and to the [illegible] Monthly Meetings.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes made the following report; viz.

"To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting,
Dear Friends,

Your Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, have attended to their appointment and find a balance of $26.90 in his hands. — It is our opinion that it will not be necessary to add to this sum for the current year. We are also [illegible] in proposing the [illegible] of the present Treasurer, Amos C. Wilbur, for the ensuing year. All of which we submit to the Meeting — & are your friends. [illegible] on behalf of the Committee by Fall River. 2nd mo. 1st 1861. [illegible] Fiske."

[illegible] is accordingly appointed [illegible] of the meeting for the ensuing year.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of [illegible] at East Greenwich 2nd of 5th Mo. 1861.

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings [illegible] Friends are appointed representatives [illegible] Meeting from Rhode Island - Levi Chase and George W. Carr; [illegible] Israel Buffington [illegible] Providence - John T. Kenyon & Jeremiah Foster, whose [illegible] being called they are all present except two, for the absence of one of whom a satisfactory reason was given.

[illegible] limits, [illegible] held in Rhode Island [illegible] Chase, John T. Kenyon, Levi Chase, and [illegible] whom we appoint our representatives.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this Meeting, sign them on our behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport, 1st of 8th Mo. 1861.

By [illegible] several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting from Rhode Island, George W. Carr, Joseph [illegible], [illegible] Israel Buffington [illegible] Miller Chase; [illegible]

[illegible] Providence — John [illegible] [illegible] being called they are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the first second and tenth from our several Monthly Meetings.

Israel Buffinton on behalf of the representatives, appointed to attend the [illegible] reports that they attended.

Ethan Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 7th of 11th Mo. 1861.

[illegible] Monthly Meetings [illegible] are appointed representatives to this meeting — from Rhode Island — Levi Chace & Joseph Brinton; Swansey — Seneca [illegible] Fish; [illegible] John Foster [illegible] Sheffield and Ethan Foster; Providence Jeremiah Foster & John T. Kenyon, whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries [illegible] this meeting [illegible] to the [illegible] Monthly Meetings.

In view of the defective answers to the 2nd [illegible] come up to this meeting from Swansey Monthly Meeting, [illegible] of that Monthly Meeting [illegible] Providence Monthly Meeting, [illegible] at this time on behalf of the [illegible] Swansey & Providence Monthly Meetings, who at the request of this meeting have taken [illegible] the case [illegible] Levi Chace, Joseph Brinton, John Foster, Ethan [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] difficulty thoroughly — do what they [illegible] settlement [illegible] this judgment [illegible] meeting.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 6th of 2nd Mo. 1862.

[illegible] this meeting; for Rhode Island [illegible] Levi Chase [illegible] Israel [illegible] South Kingston [illegible] Charles Perry, [illegible] Sheffield [illegible] Providence — Jeremiah Foster & John T. Kenyon, whose names being called they are all present.

[illegible] portion of them have confered together [illegible] accordingly [illegible] for the year ensuing [illegible] appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from all our Monthly Meetings.

[illegible]

Ethan Foster. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 1st. of 5th month 1862.

By accounts received at this time from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that they have appointed the following named Friends representatives to this meeting — From Rhode Island:- Levi Chace and George W. Carr, Swansey:- Israel Buffington and Philip Tripp, South Kingstown:- Charles Perry, George W. Foster and Daniel Wilbur, Providence:- John T. Kenyon and John Foster whose names being called they are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings from which the following summary has been compiled as descriptive of the present state of the society within our limits, which the clerk is directed to forward with our account to the ensuing Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the 6th Month next by our friends Ethniel Foster, Ethan Foster, Charles Perry, Levi Chace, Israel Buffington, Philip Tripp, John Foster of Warwick, Joseph Brinton and John T. Kenyon whom we appoint representatives to that meeting.

The committee in relation to the defective answers to the second Query from Swansey Monthly Meeting not being able to reconcile their views so as to make a united report are continued and requested to report at our next meeting.

Ethan Foster, Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 7th of 8th mo. 1862.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that they have appointed the following named Friends representatives to this meeting. From Rhode Island:- Dr. Cance and George W. Cane, Swansey.- Philip Tripp, Israel Buffinton and Isaac Fisk, South Kingstown:- Charles Perry and Ethan Foster, Providence:- John T. Kenyon and John Foster; whose names being called they are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first, second and tenth from all our Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed in the 11th Mo. last in relation to the defective answers to the second query from Swansey Monthly Meeting, and since continued, made the following reports:-

We the undersigned members of the committee appointed in the 11th Month last to investigate and endeavor to settle a difference between a member of Swansey Monthly Meeting and a member of Providence Monthly Meeting, as brought to view in the answer to the second query from the former Meeting, Report that the whole committee met for that purpose in North Providence in the second month last after giving due notice to the parties of the time and place of meeting. The member alluded to from Swansey did not meet us; in consequence of which we twice adjourned, the last time to meet at the close of the Quarterly

Meeting which we learned he proposed attending, and which he did attend; previous to the sitting of the meeting some of our number had an interview with him, at which he declined meeting the committee as proposed and denied their authority to act in the premises, as between him and the member from Providence. Consequently nothing was done at that time.

Subsequently another meeting of the committee was appointed at Worcester, and notice to the parties duly given, at which three of the committee, the member from Providence and the wife of the member from Swansey were present. The two latter were heard in relation to the several matters in question. By which it appears that the woman Friend alluded to from Swansey was entirely satisfied with the proceedings and acts her brother, the said member from Providence, in his settlement of their father's estate while acting with two other brothers as executors to his will, out of which proceedings and acts the dissatisfaction of her husband appears to have originated. It further appears that during the time that the case was under notice or care of the overseers, those of Providence Mo. Meeting exonerated their member from the charges preferred against him, and those of Swansey decided that he was not a delinquent member of society on account of those charges. And further that since the origin of this difficulty the executors aforesaid have brought an action at law against the member from Swansey under a provision of the discipline as they believe and with the concurrent belief and consent of one of

the two overseers of Providence Monthly Meeting, [illegible] judgment in their favor. Also that there is still pending an action at law brought by the member from Swansey against the said executors: in relation to which we do not regard it as within our province to give judgement, not having heard Nathan Buffington the plaintiff, and having doubts of the propriety of our interfering in any event. But in view of the whole matter as presented to us, regarding the said woman Friend and not her husband as essentially the party in interest and in view of his refusal to meet us aforesaid, it appears to us that he has placed himself in the wrong, and that he has no just ground of complaint against the member from Providence.

In regard to the propriety of the answer to the second query from Swansey Mo. Meeting it appears to us that it does not require to be answered as heretofore by that Mo. Meeting unless it is intended to ask further assistance from the Quarterly Meeting: the purport of the query being not whether differences exist but whether action is taken to end them when they arise.

Newport 8th Mo. 1862.

John Foster.
Ethan Foster.

The report is accepted and directed to be recorded; and the committee is discharged from further service.

Charles Perry on behalf of the representatives appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting reports that they attended.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 6th of 11th Month 1863.

Accounts are received from our several Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting: From Rhode Island; Levi Chace and Joseph Brinton, Swansey; Israel Buffinton and Miller Chace, South Kingstown; Ethniel Foster and John W. Foster, Providence; Harvey Chace and George C. Kenyon, whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first, second and tenth from all our Monthly Meetings.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence [illegible] 1864.

[illegible] Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting, namely from Rhode Island: George [illegible] and Levi Chase, Swansey:- Israel Buffinton, Miller Chace and Isaac Fiske, [illegible] Kingston:- Otaniel Foster, Thomas Perry, Providence: Jeremiah Foster and George C. Kenyon; whose names being called they are all present except three, satisfactory reasons being given for the absence of two.

[illegible] the [illegible] time for appointment of clerks, one of representatives stated that part of them had been together and had united to propose the name of Ethan Foster for clerk and Joseph Brinton to assist. The names were separated considered and they are appointed to [illegible] stations for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The clerk of this meeting being absent Charles Perry is appointed Clerk for the day.

On friend Nathan Page attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting held at Lynn on the 13th of 4th Month 1864, setting him at liberty to attend Sandwich Quarterly Meeting at New Bedford and some of the meetings within its limits, and also to attend Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and some meetings belonging thereto, and to appoint some meetings within the limits of those Quarters. His company and services have been accepted and our Clerk is directed to furnish him a copy of this minute; the women's meeting having united therein.

The Queries have been read in this

meeting succeeded by answers to the first second and tenth from our several Monthly Meetings.

Charles Perry, Clerk for the day

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 7th. of 5 mo. 1863

Accounts have been received from our several Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting, from Rhode Island Levi Chace and Joseph Brinton-Swansey; Israel Buffinton and Moses B. Buffinton, South Kingstown: Othniel and Charles Perry, Providence: John Foster and Jonathan Chace, whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings, from which the following summary has been compiled designed to describe our present state of the Society within our limits; and which the clerk is directed to forward with our account to the succeeding Yearly Meeting, to be held on Rhode Island in the 6th. month next, by our friends Othniel Foster, Miller Chace, Amos C. Wilbur, Israel Buffinton, Ethan Foster, Joseph Brinton Levi Chace, Charles Perry, Harvey Chace and Jonathan Chace, whom we appoint our representatives to that meeting.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting, sign them on its behalf and forward them to the

Yearly Meeting by our representatives.
Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 6th of 8th month 1865.

Accounts have been received from South Kingstown and Providence Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting — From South Kingstown: Ethan Foster and Samuel Sheffield — Providence: John T. Kenyon and Jeremiah Foster, who are present except one.

No accounts have been received at this time from Rhode Island or Swansey Monthly Meetings.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first, second and tenth from South Kingstown and Providence Monthly Meetings.

Two of the representatives appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting report that they all attended during the forepart of the Meeting, but that three of them subsequently withdrew with several other members without asking leave of the Meeting.

No accounts having been received at this time from Rhode Island and Swansey Monthly Meetings and information having been given by members of those meetings that the Clerks assuming that it was the sense of the meetings that no

representatives be appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting, sent no accounts thereto. We therefore appoint John T. Kenyon, Charles Perry, Harvey Chace, Othniel Foster and Ethan Foster a committee to visit those Meetings and individual members of them, and render such advice and assistance as the circumstances of the case seem to require and may open for and report to our next meeting.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 5th of 11th Mo. 1863.

Accounts have been received from Swansey, South Kingstown and Providence Monthly Meetings, and the representatives therin named to this meeting are from Swansey: Philip Tripp, William F. Wood, and Miller Chace — from South Kingstown: Othniel Foster, Charles Perry and Daniel Wilbur — from Providence John T. Kenyon and Jeremiah Foster, whose names being called they are all present except two, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was rendered.

No account has been received at this time from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first second and tenth — from Swansey, South Kingstown and Providence Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to attend Rhode Island and Swansey Monthly Meetings and render such advice and assistance as the circumstances of the case may appear to require and way open for, made the following report, which being satisfactory is accepted and the committee continued and desired to extend such further care as the case may appear to require and report to our next meeting the women's meeting uniting herein.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

The committee appointed in the eighth month last to visit Rhode Island and Swansey Monthly Meetings, and render such advice and assistance as the circumstances may appear to require and way open for.

Report

That the result of the withdrawal of a number of members from our Yearly Meeting in a disorderly manner in the sixth month last has been such as might have been expected from a step so unprecedented and disorganizing, and throws a weight of exercise and labor on those who remain, calling for wisdom and prudence in action and a humble reliance on the Divine Arm for help. The persons alluded to although entirely severed from the Yearly Meeting have adopted the gross inconsistancy of attempting to continue a control in the subordinate meetings, the of which could only be to produce disorder and confusion. Of this the Monthly Meetings of Rhode Island and Swansey refered to in our minute of appointment and since visited by this committee are examples.

Three of our members attended Swansey Monthly Meeting in the 8th month previous to which we had an interview with Israel Buffinton, who on our expressing to him the nature of our visit said that he could not

receive us as a committee of the Quarterly Meeting, calling us a self constituted committee, and denying our authority to act; but said he would hear what we had to say as individuals.

He expressed to him our desire that he would not attempt to act as clerk of the Monthly Meeting, unless he intended that it should be held in subordination to the Quarterly Meeting; as his doing so could only tend to disturbance and strife. Showing him that no Monthly Meeting could by our discipline exist without such subordination. He took the ground that he was the rightful clerk of Swansey Monthly Meeting, and that he could not be removed until the expiration of the year from the time of his appointment - said he should act as clerk, and that he should retain the books and papers of the Monthly Meeting. When reminded that such a course would be contrary to that pursued by Peleg Mitchell at the Yearly Meeting, he said that he should not travel done as Peleg did. The interview though brief sufficed to convince us that he could not be reasoned with, taking the ground that he and the few associated with him were in the Truth and that we and all others who differed from them were out of it and consequently not to be heeded.

At the close of the meeting for worship he took his seat at the table, and was proceeding to open the meeting when an aged Friend expressed a desire that Israel Buffington would not attempt to act as clerk, he having the month before refused to send the Men's Meeting account to the Quarterly Meeting. He however read the opening minutes; our minutes of appointment

being then on the table and the nature of it fully explained, of which he took no notice. He called for the Preparative meeting account, which was not produced, the representative who held it in charge saying that he did not think it proper to bring it in as matters stood. Israel Buffington was now called upon to answer his subordination to the Quarterly Meeting by reading the minute of that meeting handed up to the committee and now on the table. He refused to do so denying its validity in the most unqualified manner. It seemed then proposed the appointment of a clerk and the course was advised by the committee on the ground that the present incumbent had by his refractory course and manifest acts of insubordination had become entirely disqualified for serving in that capacity. After repeated attempts to show him the unreasonableness of his course in claiming to act as clerk of the Monthly Meeting, while holding that it owed no allegiance to the Quarterly Meeting, and was in no sense subordinate thereto, and the undoubted rights of the Monthly Meeting under such circumstances to appoint a new clerk, and after much clamor on the part of him and his brother, the only one who supported him, and who repeatedly asserted their insubordination to the Quarterly Meeting, another friend was appointed to serve as clerk without objection except from the two above named. The meeting then proceeded with and concluded the business, although Israel Buffington continued to sit at the table and assume to transact business sustained only by his brother.

At the Monthly Meeting in the 7th month two of the committee attended. Israel Buffington and his brother continued to

disturbe the meeting as before. The time for holding their meeting for worship was now changed from half past ten to eleven o'clock and on account of its smallness and the age and distance from meeting of some of the principal members the afternoon meeting on first day was discontinued.

In the tenth month three of the committee attended. At this time the Monthly Meeting concluded to ask the Quarterly Meeting to lay the Monthly Meeting down, it being the judgement of Friends there that their present reduced number with the prospect of still further by removal rendered this step indispensable; in which view the committee united, and a minute to this effect was drawn up and adopted. And the time of meeting on first day changed from eleven o'clock to half past ten as it was prior to the alteration made at the previous meeting; it being found that those who withdrew from our Yearly Meeting continued to meet as heretofore; that making confusion both in assembling and breaking up of meetings, which it seemed desirable to avoid. Friends then thought it best to wait a little longer before leaving the house in the hope that these wayward members would allow them to controll the meeting or if not that some arrangement could be made by which the meetings might be held in separate rooms. It appears to the committee that unless some satisfactory arrangement like the above can be made soon it be best for Friends to leave the house and hold their meetings at some other place. Desiring if possible to avoid confusion and strife in meetings for worship. Nothing can be more deadning to the vitality of devotional exercise

or the life of a meeting. In this Monthly Meeting no womens meeting has been held by those who withdrew from the Yearly Meeting since the adjournment of that Meeting in 6th month last.

Two of the committee attended Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the tenth month and offered to the meeting a copy of the minute of their appointment, which those having control of the meeting refused to receive, continuing also to refuse to appoint representatives or send accounts to the Quarterly Meeting.

The number there is very small, only two male members assuming to hold the Monthly Meeting one of whom acts as clerk, in consideration of which and of this defection it is the united judgment of the committee that the Monthly Meeting cannot be respectably sustained.

The course pursued by the small party who withdrew from our Yearly Meeting in the 6th month last, alluded to in the introduction to this report affords a striking illustration of the working of that spirit of sectarian libertinism which has been developing itself in our Yearly Meeting for several years past.

Under the profession of superior spiritual discernment, candor, condescension and forbearance, as well as reason and consistency have been to a great extent lost sight of by these people. It is well known that censure and denunciation have been cast upon those who have honestly entertained and expressed views differing from theirs; and that measures have been carried through the Yearly Meeting from the mere accident of their having the clerk on their side against the expressed dissent of by far the greater portion of the members present including elders of age and experience, under the plea that they were in the truth and the body of the meeting out of it. And while the Yearly Meeting is reviled and denounced as apostate and out of the truth

one Quarterly and three Monthly Meetings within this Yearly Meeting are still professedly held by them though subordinate to to no superior meeting and the discipline thus made void and of no effect.

Indeed it is but too evident that the course pursued by these people will if persisted in result in casting aside the discipline, instituted by our fore fathers in the authority and which has so long been a hedge about us, as a useless incumbrance not necessary under a state of spiritual discernment such as they claim now to be favored with.

In conclusion the committee can but acknowledge with satisfaction the uniform brotherly kindness extended to them by Friends who retain their integrity to principle and regard for the discipline and good order ever practiced, and still held dear by all true Friends presaging as we hope and trust a season of comparative quiet when set free from the confusion incident to a connection with those who while making an exalted profession are falsifying it by indulgence in party spirit and disorderly practice.

On behalf of the Committee
Ethan Foster

Fall River 11th Mo. 4th 1863.

Swansey Monthly Meeting having by minute requested that that meeting be dissolved and the members thereof attached to Providence Monthly Meeting after a time of deliberation thereon it was concluded to grant their request; and upon the reception of this minute by Providence and Swansey Monthly Meetings the latter is accordingly dissolved and the members annexed to Providence

Monthly Meeting. And we appoint William F. Wood to receive the books and papers belonging to Swansey Monthly Meeting and hand them over to the clerk of Providence Monthly Meeting; and the clerk of this meeting is directed to furnish Swansey and Providence Monthly Meetings with a copy of this minute having the unity of the women's meeting herein.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 4th of 2nd Mo. 1864

Accounts have been received from South Kingstown and Providence Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting from South Kingstown: Charles Perry and John Peckham — Providence: Jeremiah Foster, Samuel B. Chace and Philip Tripp whose names being called they are all present.

No account has been received at this time from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting.

Jeremiah Foster on behalf of the representatives that most of them have conferred together and are united in proposing Ethan Foster for clerk and William F. Wood for assistant clerk, which being separately considered were united with and they are accordingly appointed to that service for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first second and tenth from South

Kingstown and and Providence Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed in the 8th month last to visit Rhode Island and Swansey Monthly Meetings and at our last meeting continued made the following report which is accepted and the committee are accordingly continued and requested to report at our next meeting.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

The committee appointed to extend labor in behalf of the Quarterly Meeting to Rhode Island and Swansey Monthly Meetings, report that two of their number visited Newport in the first month for the purpose of attending Rhode Island Monthly Meeting and found it held by only five members, four of whom were among those who withdrew from the last Yearly Meeting. Then consisting of one man and three women assumed to hold the Monthly Meeting and wholly to control its proceedings, the men sitting in the business meeting with the women, one of whom acted as clerk.

They refused in any way to recognise the committee and as heretofore omitted to send any account to the Quarterly Meeting.

The condition of that Monthly Meeting fully warrant and calls for its dissolution, in the judgement of the committee, and the annexation of its members to another; but inasmuch as the committee have not had an opportunity to consult those members who have not severed their connection with the Yearly Meeting, as to their wishes in regard to which of the remaining Monthly Meetings they would prefer to be united with; the committee propose that the

Quarterly Meeting defer action in the case until our next meeting in order to give an opportunity for consultation with such friends in that particular.

John T. Kenyon, on behalf of the Committee.

North Providence 2nd. month 4th 1864.

The friends appointed at our last meeting to receive the books and papers of Swansey Monthly Meeting and to hand them over to the Clerk of Providence Monthly Meeting report that he has attended to the appointment, but that Israel Buffington the former clerk refused to give them up — he further states that the minutes made after the appointment of the new clerk he handed over to the clerk of Providence monthly meeting

Ethan Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 3th of 5th month 1864.

Accounts have been received from South Kingstown and Providence Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting. From South Kingstown: Ethniel Foster and Ethan Foster — from Providence: Jeremiah Foster and Jonathan Chace.

No account has at this time been received from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers thereto from South Kingstown and Providence Monthly Meetings from which we have compiled the following summary (summary not made out in form, but the answers marked in the accounts from the Monthly Meetings) as descriptive of our present state, which the clerk is directed to forward with our account to the succeeding Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the 6th month next, by our Friends Ethniel Foster, Miller Chace, William F. Wood, Charles Perry, Harvey Chace and John T. Kenyon, whom we appoint our representatives to that meeting.

The committee appointed in the 8th month last, and since continued, to visit Rhode Island and Swansey Monthly Meetings made the following report which is accepted and Rhode Island Monthly Meeting is accordingly dissolved and the members thereof annexed to Providence Monthly Meeting: And the clerk of this meeting is directed to forward to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting a copy of this

minute. Harvey Chace and Charles Perry are appointed a committee to receive the books and papers of that Monthly Meeting and hand them over to the clerk of Providence Monthly Meeting and report at our next meeting, having the unity of the womens meeting herein.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
To be held at East Greenwich.

Dear Friends,

The committee appointed to visit Rhode Island and Swansey Monthly Meetings, in addition to former reports made by them, have now to state that two of their number again visited Newport in the 7th month, for the purpose of fulfilling the object of their appointment as ability should be afforded, and way open for it. They found the meeting claiming to be Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in no respect improved from the condition it was in at their last previous visit, and there being no prospect that it can be continued to the honor or advancement of Truth, on account of the sad spirit of disorder and insubordination among the few who assume exclusive control therein and also on account of the fewness and scattered situation of those remaining loyal to our discipline and principles. We continue to be of the judgement that it will be best to dissolve that Monthly Meeting, and most of those interested having been consulted and having acquiesced therein, we recommend that the members be annexed to Providence Monthly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,
Ethan Foster.

East Greenwich 5th month 5th 1864.

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting propose the appointment of Charles Perry, Ethan Foster and Eliza G. Sheffield to the station of Elder,

which being considered was united with and they are accordingly appointed to their station having the unity of the women's meeting herein.

The following extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been received and read.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport in Rhode Island by adjournments from the 15th of the 6th month to the 17th of the same inclusive 1863.

Fourth day of the week and Seventeenth of the month.

The large number of Friends at present required at present by our Discipline to constitute a meeting for Sufferings having caused our attention at this time in connection with the stripped and scattered state of our Society. After a time of deliberation thereon it is agreed that our Discipline in that respect be so far altered as to provide that not less than fifteen members shall compose that meeting and that at least seven members shall be present for the transaction of business.

The committee appointed at our last sitting to examine and settle the accounts of the treasurer, and for other purposes reports xxx which was read and approved, and George M. Eddy is accordingly appointed treasurer for the ensuing year and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of one hundred and twenty five dollars. The sum concluded upon to be raised. It being agreed that the proportion of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting shall be fifty percent, that of Salem and Dover thirty five percent and that of Sandwich

fifteen percent.

Extracted from the minutes and signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting by

Valentine Meader
Assistant Clerk.

"Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting's proportion being - 88 per cent is Sixty two dollars and fifty cents."

Therefore we appoint Miller Chace, John N. Foster, Oliver Chace, Charles Perry, Jeremiah Foster and John Peckham a committee to solicit subscriptions from the members of this meeting with a view to raising $87.50 for the use of the meeting this year and our treasurer is directed (when in funds) to pay over to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock.

In consequence of the changed state of things within our limits it is concluded to ask the Yearly Meeting that the place of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the 5th month be changed from East Greenwich to Westerly and that of the summer quarter to be held at North Providence instead of at Newport as heretofore.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting, sign them on its behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting by its representatives.

Ethan Foster. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 4th of 8th month 1864.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting — South Kingstown: Stan Foster, Samuel Sheffield and Charles Perry — Providence — Jeremiah Foster and Harvey Chace, whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to receive the books and papers of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting and hand them over to the clerk of Providence Monthly Meeting report that they called on the person acting as clerk of that meeting Lydia Ann Gould for this purpose, but that she refused to give them up and denied the authority of the committee in the premises.

Providence Monthly Meeting asks for liberty to change the time and place of holding that meeting as follows viz. — at North Providence in the first, second, third and fourth months. At Warwick in the fifth and sixth months. At Newport in the seventh and eighth months. At Fall River in the ninth and tenth months and at North Providence in the eleventh and twelfth months. To be held on fourth day preceeding the last fifth day in each month. commencing at Fall River in the ninth month next. Which being duly considered was granted

and they are accordingly left at liberty to hold them as proposed.

Aaron Chase in behalf of the representatives appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting reports that they attended and that the request made to that meeting to change the place of holding the Quarterly Meeting in the fifth and eighth months was granted although official information thereof has not yet reached us.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 3rd of 11th month 1864.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting South Kingstown: John Peckham and Ethan Foster - Providence: Philip Tripp, William T. Wood and Moses Buffinton, whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the usual three from our Monthly Meetings.

Received at this time the following extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting which have been read to our satisfaction.

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 13th of 8th month to the 15th of the same inclusive, 1864.

Third day of the week and 14th of the month.

The committee appointed at our sitting yesterday afternoon to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts, conclude upon a suitable sum to be raised for the expenses of the meeting this year, and propose a friend for Treasurer, have produced the following report namely — which is approved and George M. Eddy is accordingly appointed treasurer of this meeting for the ensuing year, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to pay to him their respective proportions of Fifty dollars, the sum concluded upon to be raised and the clerk is directed to furnish those meetings respectively with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes and signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting by

Valentine Meader, Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting's proportion being 50 percent is Twenty five dollars."

Harvey Chace William T. Wood and Thomas Perry are appointed a committee to examine and settle the treasurer's account, consider of a sum suitable to be raised by the meeting this year, propose a friend for treasurer and report to our next meeting.

Ethan Foster. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 2nd of 2nd mo. 1865.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this meeting - From South Kingstown: Ethan Foster and Thomas Perry, Providence: Samuel B. Chace and John T. Kenyon whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings

The committee appointed at our last meeting to examine and settle the treasurer's account and for other purposes made the following report which is accepted.

"To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends -

The committee appointed to settle the treasurer's account and for other purposes report that they have attended to

the duties of their appointment and find a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of one dollar and forty one cents. We further propose that the sum of twenty five dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year. We also propose the reappointment of Amos C. Wilbur as treasurer.

Thomas Perry
On behalf of the Committee."

Amos C. Wilbur is accordingly appointed treasurer of the meeting for the ensuing year and our Monthly Meetings are requested to pay to him their respective proportions of Quarterly Meeting stock.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly 4th of 5th month 1865.

From accounts received from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting. From South Kingstown - Othniel Foster, Ethan Foster and John W. Foster; Providence Jeremiah Foster and Harvey Chace; whose names being called they are all present.

Harvey Chace on behalf of the representatives reports that they have conferred together and are united in proposing Ethan Foster for clerk, and Jeremiah Foster for assistant clerk of this Meeting for the year ensuing, which being separately considered were united with and they are accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings from which we have compiled the following summary as descriptive of our present state; which the clerk is directed to forward with a copy of this minute to our Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island in the 6th month next, by our Friends - Othniel Foster, Harvey Chace, Charles Perry, Jeremiah Foster, Ethan Foster and Samuel Sheffield whom we appoint representatives to that meeting.

The treasurer of this Meeting is directed to pay over to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock.

The clerk of this meeting is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes thereof sign them on its behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 3rd of 8th mo. 1865.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting from Providence - Miller Chace and John T. Kenyon from South Kingstown - Charles Perry and Samuel Sheffield whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Charles Perry on behalf of the representatives appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting reports that they attended.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 12th of Sixth Month to the 14th of the same inclusive, 1865.

Third day of the week and thirteenth of the month.

The committee appointed at a previous sitting to examine and settle the accounts of the treasurer and for other purposes have produced the following report namely which is satisfactory, and George M. Eddy is accordingly appointed treasurer of this Meeting for the year ensuing and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to pay to him their respective proportions of Fifty Dollars the sum concluded upon to be raised. And the clerk is directed to furnish those meetings respectively with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes and signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Valentine Meader, Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings proportion being 50 per cent is 25 dollars.

Ethan Foster - Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 2nd of 11th month 1863.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting. From South Kingstown — Ethan Foster and John W. Foster from Providence — Harvey Chace Miller Chace and Moses B. Buffington whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting succeeded by answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th from our Monthly Meetings.

The following extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting has been received and read at this time. — Whereupon we appoint William F. Wood and Thomas Perry a committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, consider of a sum suitable to be raised by the meeting this year, propose a friend for Treasurer and report to our next meeting.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at North Providence 1st of 2nd month 1866.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this meeting from South Kingstown: Samuel Sheffield and Charles Perry, Providence: Harvey Chace Jeremiah Foster and John T. Kenyon, whose names being called they are all present.

Harvey Chace on behalf of the representatives informs that a part of them have conferred together and are united in proposing Ethan Foster for clerk and Jeremiah Foster for assistant clerk of this meeting which being separately considered and united with they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, made the following report which is accepted and Amos C. Wilbur is accordingly reappointed treasurer of this meeting for the year ensuing and the Monthly Meetings are directed to pay over to him their respective proportions of Quarterly Meeting stock, and the clerk is directed to furnish the Monthly Meetings with a copy of this minute.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly 3rd of 5th Month 1866.

Accounts being received from our Monthly Meetings we are thereby informed that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this meeting; From South Kingstown: Ethan Foster and Daniel Willis, from Providence: Jeremiah Foster, Harvey Chace and John T. Kenyon, whose names being called they are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings, from which we have compiled the following summary as descriptive of our present state and the clerk is directed to forward the same, also a copy of this minute to our Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport on Rhode Island in the Sixth month next by our Friends, Miller Chace, John T. Kenyon, Samuel Sheffield, Harvey Chace and Charles Perry, whom we appoint representatives to that meeting.

The treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay over to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting, sign them on its behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 2nd of 8th month 1806.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which we are informed that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting from South Kingstown Othniel Foster and Charles Perry, from Providence Miller Chace, George W. Carr and Jeremiah Foster, whose names being called they are present except two.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with satisfactory answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Miller Chace on behalf of the representatives appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 1st of 11th month 1866.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which we are informed that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this meeting. From South Kingstown: Thomas Perry and Ethan Foster, from Providence: Philip Tripp, William T. Wood and Moses Ruffinton; whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

The following extract has been received from minutes of our last Yearly Meeting —

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 11th of Sixth month to the 13th of the same inclusive 1866.

Second day of the week and 11th of the month.

The committee appointed at our morning sitting to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts, and for other purposes have presented the following report namely ——, which is satisfactory to the meeting. George W. Eddy is accordingly appointed treasurer of this meeting for the ensuing year, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to pay to him their respective proportions of twenty five dollars, the sum concluded upon to be raised, and the clerk is directed to furnish those Meetings respectively with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes and signed by direction and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting aforesaid by

Valentine Meader
Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proportion of stock being 50 cents is twelve dollars and fifty cents.

whereupon we appoint Thomas Perry and William F. Hoyt a committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's account conclude on a sum suitable to be raised by the meeting this year, propose a friend for Treasurer and report to our next meeting.

Ethan Foster. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 17th of 2nd Month 1867.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings, the representatives from which therein named to the meeting are from South Kingstown: Charles Perry and Ethan Foster; Providence: Jeremiah Foster and Harvey Chace. Those names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with advised answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to examine and settle the treasurer's account and for other purposes made the following report which is accepted and Amos C. Wilbur is accordingly reappointed treasurer of this meeting for the ensuing year, and our Monthly Meetings are directed to have over to him their respective proportions of holding meeting stock and the Clerk is directed to furnish those meetings with a copy of this minute.

Received at this time the following extract from the minutes of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting.

"In consequence of the small number of Friends residing at South Kingstown this meeting proposes to hold only two Monthly Meetings there in the year, viz. in the fifth and tenth months, the others to be held alternately at Charlestown and Hopkinton having unity of the women's meeting herein."

Extracted from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly 18th of 5th First Month 1867.

John N. Foster, Clerk.

The proposition herein contained is advised to the meeting having the unity of the women's meeting herein.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly 2nd of 5th month 1867.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings the representatives from which therein named are:- from South Kingstown:- Daniel Wilbur and John W. Foster, Providence:- Jeremiah Foster, Harvey Chace and Amos C. Wilbur, whose names being called they are present except one.

Harvey Chace on behalf of the representatives informs that a part of them have confered together and are united in proposing Ethan Foster for clerk and Jeremiah Foster for assistant clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year, whose names being separately considered were united with and they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings.

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting informs that they have directed their treasurer to pay over to the treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting their proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock.

It is concluded to ask the Yearly Meeting's permission to change the place of holding our Quarterly Meetings, that they may hereafter be held as follows, At North Providence in the 2nd and 8th months - At Hopkinton in the 5th month, and at Westerly in the 1st month, having the unity of the Women's Meeting herein.

The treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay over to the treasurer of

the Yearly Meeting our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting, sign them on its behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Ethan Foster Clerk.

The Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence of 8th month 1867.

From accounts received from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this meeting: From South Kingstown: Ethan Foster and Samuel Sheffield; Providence: Miller Chace, Jeremiah Foster and Harvey Chace whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

John T. Kenyon on behalf of the representatives appointed to attend our late Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended.

Ethan Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly 7th of 8th month 1867.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings and the following named friends are therein reported as representatives to this meeting; From South Kingstown:- Samuel Sheffield and Charles Perry Providence - Jeremiah Foster and Amos C. Wilbur; whose names being called they were all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with requisite answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Received at this time the following extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting —

"At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 17th of Sixth month to the 9th of the same inclusive 1867.

Second day of the week and 17th of the month.

"Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting having requested permission to change the places of holding that meeting, after a time of deliberation thereon, it is united with and this meeting accordingly directs in conformity with their request, that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting shall hereafter be held as follows namely - At Hopkinton in the Fifth month, at North Providence in the Second and Eighth months and at Westerly in the Eleventh month the Yearly Meeting concurring herein. And the clerk is directed to furnish that Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

"Third day of the week and 18th of the month. The Committee appointed at a previous sitting to examine and settle the treasurer's account and for other purposes presented the

following report, namely — which is satisfactory to the meeting and the recommendations therein contained approved.

George M. Eddy is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this meeting for the year ensuing, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to pay to him their respective proportions of twenty five dollars, the sum agreed upon to be raised, and the clerk is directed to furnish those Meetings respectively with a copy of this minute.

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

Valentine Meader. Clerk.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting's proportion of Stock being 50 percent is Twelve and 50/100 dollars." Whereupon we appoint Jonathan Chace and Samuel Sheffield a committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, consider of a sum suitable to be raised for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, propose a friend for Treasurer and report to our next meeting.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 6th of Second Month 1868.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings and the following named Friends are therein reported as representatives to this meeting; From South Kingstown:- Thomas Perry and Ethan Foster; Providence: Jeremiah Foster and Jonathan Chace whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the usual answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to examine and settle the treasurer's accounts and for other purposes not being prepared to report are continued and requested to report to our next meeting.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Hopkinton, 7th of 5th month 1868.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings and the following named friends are therein reported as representatives to this meeting; From South Kingstown:- Samuel Sheffield and John W. Foster; Providence:- Amos C. Wilbur, John T. Kenyon and Samuel B. Chace whose names being called they are all present except one.

Amos C. Wilbur on behalf of the representatives informs that a part of them have confered together and are united in propos-

ing Ethan Foster for clerk and Jeremiah Foster assistant clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year, whose names being separately considered are united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the ensuing year or until another appointment

The queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings; from which we have compiled the following summary as descriptive of our present state; and the clerk is directed to forward the same also a copy of this minute to our Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport on Rhode Island in the Sixth month next by our friends Ethan Foster, Harvey Chace, Amos C. Wilbur, Jeremiah Foster, William F. Wood and Samuel Sheffield whom we appoint representatives to that meeting.

The committee appointed in the 11th month last to examine and settle the treasurer's account and for other purposes not being prepared to report are continued and requested to report at our next meeting.

The treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay over to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting sign them on its behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 6th of Eighth Month 1868.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named to this meeting are; from South Kingstown - Ethan Foster and Samuel Sheffield; Providence - Miley Chace George W. Carr and John [illegible], whose names being called they are all present except two.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with approved answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

The committee to examine and settle the treasurer's account and for other purposes not being prepared to report are continued and desired to report to our next meeting.

Harvey Chace on behalf of the representatives appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held Westerly 6th of 1st month 1868.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings and the following named friends are appointed as representatives to this meeting from South Kingstown: Samuel Sheffield and Charles Perry; from Providence Amos C. Wilbur and John T. Kenyon, whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Received at this time the following extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting —

"At our Yearly Meeting for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 14th of Sixth Month to the 17th of the same inclusive 1868.

"Second day of the week and 15th of the month. "The committee appointed at our morning sitting to examine and settle the treasurer's account, agree upon a sum suitable to be raised for the service of the meeting this year and propose a friend for treasurer, have produced the following report namely — which is united with and George M. Eddy is accordingly appointed treasurer of this meeting for the year ensuing, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to pay to him their respective proportions of Twenty five dollars, the sum agreed upon to be raised. And the clerk is directed to furnish those meetings respectively with a copy of this minute.

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting aforesaid

Valentine Meader Clerk.

And the subject therein embraced is refered

to the committee on that subject, appointed in the Eleventh Month last and since continued, who we again continue, and desire to report to our next meeting.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 4th of 2nd Month 1869.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this meeting - From South Kingstown; - Charles Perry and [illegible] Foster; Providence; - Jeremiah Foster and John T. Kenyon, whose names being called they are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting attended by answers to the first, second and tenth, from our Monthly Meetings.

The committee previously appointed to examine and settle the treasurer's account made the following report which is accepted and Amos C. Wilbur is accordingly reappointed treasurer of this meeting for the year ensuing, and our Monthly Meetings are requested to pay over to him their respective proportions of twenty dollars the sum therein named to be raised and the clerk is directed to furnish each of them with a copy of this minute.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Hopkinton 6th of 5th Month 1869.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which we are informed that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting: [illegible] Ethan Foster, Providence [illegible] and Jeremiah Foster whose names being called they are all present except one.

Charles Perry on behalf of the representatives informs that they have conferred together and are united in proposing Ethan Foster for clerk and Jeremiah Foster for assistant clerk of this Meeting for the ensuing year whose names being separately considered were united with and they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers thereto from our Monthly Meeting from which we have compiled the following summary which is believed nearly to describe our present state and the clerk is directed to forward the same with a copy of this minute and other necessary extracts from our minutes to our Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport on Rhode Island [illegible] next by our friends [illegible] Chace, Charles Perry, [illegible] Kenyon, Ethan Foster, Jonathan Chace, [illegible] and Jeremiah Foster whom we appoint our representatives to that Meeting.

This meeting unites with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Miller Chace to the station of an elder in which we have the unity of the Women's Meeting.

[illegible] is directed to [illegible] the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of Yearly Meeting [illegible].

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 3d of 5th Month 1867.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this meeting: From South Kingstown: Ethan Foster and Samuel Sheffield; Providence:- Miller Chace, Jeremiah Foster and George W. Carr, whose names being called they are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

The representatives appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting report that they all attended except two.

Ethan Foster. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly 4th of 11th Month 1867.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings and the following named Friends are therein reported as representatives to this meeting: from South Kingstown:- Samuel Sheffield and Ethan Foster; Providence:- Amos C. Wilbur, Jeremiah Foster and Senica Lincoln whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with satisfactory answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 3rd of 2nd month 1870.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting: from South Kingstown:- Charles Perry and John C. Foster; Providence:- Amos C. Wilbur and Harvey Chace, whose names being called they are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Ethan Foster. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Hopkinton 5th of 5th month. 1870.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting, from South Kingstown:- Daniel C. Wilbur and Ethan Foster; Providence:- Jeremiah Foster, Amos C. Wilbur and Jonathan Chace whose names being called they are all present except one.

Daniel Wilbur on behalf of the representatives reports that a part of them have conferred together and are united in proposing Ethan Foster for clerk and Jeremiah Foster for assistant clerk of this meeting for the year ensuing whose names being separately considered are united with and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting accompanied by answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings, from which we have

compiled the following summary which is believed necessary to describe our present state and the clerk is directed to forward the same, with a copy of this minute and other necessary extracts from our minutes to our Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport on Rhode Island in the 6th month next by our friends Harvey Chace, Jeremiah Foster, Charles Perry, John T. Kenyon, Ethan Foster, John W. Foster and Amos C. Wilbur whom we appoint our representatives to that meeting.

This meeting unites with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearance in the ministry of John W. Foster in which we have the unity of the Women's Meeting.

The treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay over to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock.

Ethan Foster. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 4th of 8th month 1790.

Accounts are received from monthly meetings by which it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting, viz. North Kingstown: Samuel Shelfield and Ethan Foster; Providence: Miller Chace, John J. Jenyon and Jeremiah Foster, who being called they are all present.

The queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

This meeting unites with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John J. Jenyon to the station of an Elder, having the unity of the women's meeting herein.

Received at this time the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting — whereupon we appoint Thomas Perry and John J. Jenyon a committee to examine and settle the treasurer's account, conclude upon a sum suitable to raise for the use of the meeting this year, name a friend for treasurer and report to our next meeting.

Harvey Chace on behalf of the representatives appointed to attend our Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly 3rd of 11th month 1890.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named friend have been appointed representatives to this meeting - From South Kingstown :- John W. Foster and Charles Perry; Providence :- Jeremiah Foster, Jonathan Chace and Amos C. Wilbur, whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to examine and settle the treasurer's account, and for other purposes not being prepared to report are continued and desired to report at our next meeting.

Ethan Foster. Clerk.

of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at North Providence 2nd of 2nd month 1871.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting. From South Kingstown — Ethan Foster and John W. Foster; Providence — Harvey Lance, Jeremiah Foster and Amos C. Wilbur; whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed in the 8th month last to examine and settle the treasurer's account and for other purposes made the following report, which is accepted and Amos C. Wilbur is accordingly appointed treasurer of this meeting for the ensuing year, and our Monthly Meetings are requested to pay over to him their respective proportions of twenty dollars, the sum therein named to be raised, and the clerk is directed to furnish each of them with a copy of the minute.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
The committee appointed to examine and settle the treasurer's account and for other purposes report that they have attended to the duties of their appointment, and find the account has been correctly kept. There is a balance of the hands of the treasurer of three dollars and twenty nine cents. We recommend that twenty dollars be raised this year and that Amos C. Wilbur be reappointed treasurer.

Thomas Larry On behalf of the committee.

North Providence
2nd month 2nd 1871.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Hopkinton 4th of 5th month, 1871.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings from which it appears that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this meeting; From South Kingstown: Ethan Foster and Daniel Wilbur; Providence: James C. Wilbur Harvey Chace and Jeremiah Foster whose names being called they are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings from which we have compiled the following summary as descriptive of our present state, which the clerk is directed to forward with an account to our Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport on Rhode Island in the 6th month next by our friends, Jonathan Chace, Charles Peirce, James C. Wilbur, Harvey Chace, Ethan Foster and John W. Foster whom we appoint our representatives to attend that meeting

The treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay over to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting, sign them on its behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Ethan Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 3rd of 8th month 1871.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting. From South Kingstown - Samuel Sheffield and Thomas Perry, Providence - Harvey Chace, Amos C. Wilbur and George W. Carr, whose names being called they are all present except one

The time for which the clerk and assistant clerk of this meeting were appointed having expired and a proposition having been made the present occupants of those stations (Ethan Foster and Jeremiah Foster) be reappointed it was united with and they are accordingly appointed to serve as clerk and assistant clerk to this meeting for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Harvey Chace on behalf of the representatives appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended.

Ethan Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly 2nd 5th 11 month 1871.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting. From South Kingstown:- Charles Perry and Daniel Wilbur, Providence:- Amos C. Wilbur, John T. Kenyon and Tarvey Chace, whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at South Providence 1st of 2nd month 1872.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting: From South Kingstown:- John N. Foster and Thomas Perry; Providence:- Tarvey Chace, Jeremiah Foster and Amos C. Wilbur, whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Hopkinton 2nd of 5th month 1872.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives From South Kingstown - Charles Perry and Daniel Wilbur, Providence; Jeremiah Foster, Harvey Chace and Amos C. Wilbur whose names being called they are all present.

Harvey Chace on behalf of the representatives informs that most of them have confered together and are united in proposing Ethan Foster for clerk and Jeremiah Foster for assistant clerk of this meeting for the year ensuing whose names being separately considered are united with and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings from which we have compiled the subjoined summary designed to describe our present state, which the clerk is directed to forward with a copy of this minute to our Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport on Rhode Island in the Sixth Month next, by our friends, Harvey Chace, Charles Perry, Ethan Foster, Jonathan Chace, John N. Foster and Jeremiah Foster and Thomas Perry whom we appoint our representatives to that meeting.

Providence Monthly Meeting informs that they have concluded that the place of holding that meeting be changed from Newport in the 7th and 8th months to North Providence with which this meeting unites.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting

sign them on its behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting of our representatives.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

The Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 8th month 1st 1872.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting, from South Kingstown: Ethan Foster and Charles Perry; Providence: Jeremiah Foster, Seneca Lincoln and Horace Chace; whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first second and third from our Monthly Meetings.

Horace Chace on behalf of the representatives appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting, reports that they all attended except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was rendered.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly 7th of 11th Month 1872.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting from South Kingstown:- Daniel Wilbur and Ethan Foster, Providence:- Jeremiah Foster and John T. Kenyon, whose names being called all are present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Ethan Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 6th of 11th Month 1873.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting from South Kingstown: Charles Perry and John N. Foster, Providence: Seneca Lincoln, John T. Kenyon and Jeremiah Foster, whose name being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Ethan Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Hopkinton 1st of 8th month 1873.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting from South Kingstown: Ethan Foster, Samuel Sheffield and Charles Perry, from Providence - John T. Kenyon and Jeremiah Foster whose names being called they are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings; from which we have condensed the following summary as descriptive of our general state, which the clerk is directed to forward with a copy of this minute to our Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport in Rhode Island in the Sixth month next, by our friends Harvey Chace, John T. Kenyon, Amos C. Willis, Samuel Sheffield, Thomas Perry and Jeremiah Foster, whom we appoint our representatives to that meeting

This meeting unites with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Ethan Foster in which we have the unity of the women's meeting.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting, sign them on its behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Ethan Foster, Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence - 7th of 5th month 1873.

We have received accounts from our Monthly Meetings by which we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives. From South Kingstown: - Samuel Sheffield, Amos C. Willour and Charles Perry; Providence: - William F. Wood and John T. Kenyon whose names being called they are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was rendered.

Harvey Chace on behalf of the representatives informs that most of them have conferred together and were united in proposing Ethan Foster for clerk and Jeremiah Foster for assistant clerk of this meeting, whose names being separately considered were united with and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Harvey Chace on behalf of the representatives appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting informs that they all attended.

Ethan Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly 6th of 11th month 1873.

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings have been received by which we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives. From South Kingstown:- Daniel Wilbur, Charles Perry and Samuel Sheffield; Providence. John T. Kenyon and Seneca Lincoln, whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Providence 5th of 2nd month 1874.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives. From South Kingstown:- Charles Perry, Ethan Foster and Samuel Sheffield; Providence. Jeremiah Foster and John T. Kenyon whose names being called they are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting succeeded by answers to the usual three from our

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Hopkinton 7th of 5th month 1874.

We have received accounts from our Monthly Meetings, and are thereby informed that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting from North Kingstown: Ethan Foster and Samuel Sheffield; Providence:- Jeremiah Foster and Harvey Chace whose names being called they are all present:-

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings, from these we have compiled the following summary as descriptive of our present state, and the clerk is directed to forward the same with a copy of this minute to our Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport on Rhode Island in the 6th month next by our friends Ethan Foster, Harvey Chace, Samuel Sheffield, John T. Sanford, Charles Perry, John C. Foster and Jeremiah Foster whom we appoint our representatives to that meeting.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting sign them on its behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Ethan Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket 6th & 5th Month 1874.

We have received accounts from our Monthly Meetings by which we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives from South Kingstown:- Charles Perry, George Foster and Samuel Sheffield; Providence: Jeremiah Foster and Seneca Lincoln whose names being called they are all present.

Charles Perry on behalf of the representatives informs the meeting that they have conferred together and are united in proposing Samuah Foster for clerk and William H. Wood for assistant clerk of this meeting whose names being separately considered were united with and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Jonathan Place on behalf of the representatives to the Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly 5th of 11th month 1874.

We have received accounts from our Monthly Meetings by which we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives. From South Kingstown: Charles Perry and Daniel Willey from Providence: Jeremiah Foster and John T. Kenyon, whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket 4th of 2nd month 1875.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings from which it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting. From South Kingstown: Ethan Foster, Samuel Sheffield and John W. Foster; from Providence Harvey Chace and William F. Wood, whose names being called they are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Cohkinton 6th of 5th Month 1875.

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings are received and the representatives therein named are, from South Kingtown, Ethan Foster, Samuel Sheffield and John W. Foster; from Providence, Jeremiah Foster and Harvey Chace, whose names being called these are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings from these we have compiled the following summary as descriptive of our present state and the clerk is directed to forward the same with copy of this minute to our Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport on Rhode Island the 6th month next by our friends, Charles Perry, Harvey Chace, Ethan Foster, John T. Kenyon, John W. Foster and Jeremiah Foster, whom we appoint representatives.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting, sign them in its behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting for our representatives.

Jonathan Chace is appointed treasurer of this meeting for the year ensuing or until another appointment, and Ethan Foster is requested to assist him in examining and settling the account of Amos C. Wilbur late treasurer of this meeting.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

A. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket 5th of 8th Month, 1875.

Accounts from our Monthly meetings are received and the representatives therein named are from South Kingstown - Samuel Sheffield, John W. Foster and George Foster, from Providence - Farwell Chace & John F. Kenyon whose names being called they are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by and as the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings

Providence Monthly Meeting requests permission to hold their meetings in the 9th and 1st months at Pawtucket instead of Fall River, which this meeting unites with having the unity of the women's meeting herein.

Charles Perry on behalf of the representatives to the Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly 4th 5th 1th month 1875

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings are received and the representatives therein named are, from South Kingstown Ethan Foster and Samuel Sheffield; from Providence, John T. Kenyon and Jonathan Chace, whose names being called they are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed in the 5th month last to examine and settle the treasurer's accounts report that they have attended to that service, that the accounts appear to have been correctly kept and a balance of $3.29 due the meeting, which is satisfactory.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket the 3rd of 2nd month 1876.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named are from South Kingstown Ethan Foster and Thomas Perry; from Providence John Thompson, Jeremiah Foster and Jonathan Chace who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

Ethan Foster on behalf of the representatives reports that a part of them have been together and were united in proposing the name of Jeremiah Foster for clerk and William F. Wood for assistant clerk for the year ensuing or until others are appointed, which being separately considered were united with and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

This meeting unites with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jeremiah Foster to the station of an Elder, having the unity of the Women's Meeting herein.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Hopkinton 4th of 5th month 1876.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named are - from South Kingstown, - Daniel Wilbur and Ethan Foster, from Providence, - Harvey Chace and Jeremiah Foster whose names being called they are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings from these we have prepared the following summary which is thought to be descriptive of our present state and the clerk is directed to forward it with a copy of this minute to our Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport on Rhode Island in the Sixth month next by our friends Charles Perry Harvey Chace Ethan Foster George Foster Jeremiah Foster Jonathan Chace and Samuel Sheffield whom we appoint our representatives.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting, sign them on its behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Cantuckett the 3rd of 8th month 1876

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings by which the representatives are from South Kingstown: Ethan Foster, Charles Perry and Samuel Sheffield, from Providence:- William F. Wood and Jeremiah Foster whose names being called they are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Charles Perry on behalf of the representatives to the Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly the 2nd of 11th month 1876.

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings are received and the representatives therein named are from South Kingstown: Daniel Wilbur and Charles Perry, from Providence: Jeremiah Foster and William F. Wood, whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the usual three from our Monthly Meetings.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket the 1st of 2nd Month 1877.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings and the representatives are from South Kingstown — Charles Gorse, George Foster and Thomas Gorse from Providence — Jonathan Chace and William F. Wood, who are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 3rd of 5th Month 1877.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meeting and the representatives are from South Kingstown: — Charles Gorse, Ethan Foster and Samuel Sheffield, from Providence: — Jonathan Chace, Jeremiah Foster and William F. Wood who are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings from these we have compiled the following summary as descriptive of our present state, and the Clerk is directed to forward the same, together with a copy of this minute to our Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport in Rhode Island in the 5th month next by our friends Charles Gorse, George Foster, Jonathan Chace, Samuel Sheffield and Ethan Foster, who are appointed representatives.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting sign them on its behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket the 2nd of 8th month 1877.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings and the representatives are from South Kingstown:- Charles Perry and Ethan Foster from Providence:- Jeremiah Foster and William F. Wood, who are all present.

Ethan Foster on behalf of the representatives reports that they have conferred together and are united in proposing the name of Jeremiah Foster for Clerk and William F. Wood for assistant Clerk, which being separately considered was united with and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the year ensuing, or until others are appointed in their places.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Charles Perry on behalf of the representatives to the Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly the 1st of 11th Month 1877.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings from which it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting, namely, from South Kingstown:-Samuel Shelfield and George Foster; from Providence:-Jeremiah Foster and Jonathan Chace, who are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket the 7th of 2nd month 1878.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named are, from South Kingstown: Ethan Foster, Daniel Wilber and Thomas Sisson, from Providence: Jonathan Chace and Jeremiah Foster whose names being called they are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Hopkinton the 2nd of 5th Month 1878.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named are from South Kingstown, Samuel Sheffield, Ethan Foster and John Barclay Foster, from Providence, Jonathan Chace and Jeremiah Foster whose names being called they are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings, from which we have compiled the following summary as the state of our present state and the clerk is directed to forward it with a copy of this minute to our Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport on Rhode Island in the 6th month next by our friends Jeremiah Foster, Charles Gerry, Ethan Foster, Samuel Sheffield, John A. Foster and Jonathan Chace whom we appoint our representatives.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting sign them on its behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket the 1st of 8th Month 1878.

Accounts are received from each of our Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named are, from South Kingstown; Ethan Foster and Thomas Perry, from Providence; William F. Wood and Jeremiah Foster whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Ethan Foster on behalf of the representatives reports that they have conferred together and were united in proposing the name of Jeremiah Foster for clerk and William F. Wood for assistant clerk, whose names being separately considered were united with and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly the 7th of 11th Month 1878.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named are from South Kingstown; Charles Perry, Samuel Sheffield, and John [illegible] Foster, from Providence. Jonathan Chace and Jeremiah Foster whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the usual three from our Monthly Meetings.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket the 6th of 2nd Month 1879.

We have received accounts from our Monthly Meetings by which we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives, from South Kingstown:- Ethan Foster and Thomas Perry from Providence - William F. Wood and Jeremiah Foster whose names being called they are all present.-

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual three from our Monthly Meetings.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Hopkinton the first of 5th month 1879.

We have received accounts from our Monthly Meetings by which we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives from South Kingstown: Charles Perry and Samuel Sheffield, from Providence:- Jonathan Chace and Jeremiah Foster whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers thereto from our Monthly Meetings from these we have compiled the following summary which is thought to be descriptive of our present state and the clerk is directed to forward it with a copy of this minute to our Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport on Rhode Island in the 6th month next by our friends Ethan Foster, Charles Perry, Jeremiah Foster, Jonathan Chace and George Foster whom we appoint representatives.

This meeting proposes changing the place of holding its sittings in the 5th month from Hopkinton to Westerly and desires the approval of our Yearly Meeting to that change, having the concurrence of the women's meeting herein.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting, signs them on our behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket [illegible] of [illegible] month 1879.

We have received accounts from our Monthly Meetings by which it appears the following named Friends have been appointed representatives from South Kingstown - Charles Perry and Samuel Sheffield, from Providence - William F. Wood and Jeremiah Foster whose names being called they are all present.

The representatives not having produced names of friends to serve as clerk and assistant clerk, the meeting reappoints Jeremiah Foster for clerk and William F. Wood for assistant clerk for the year ensuing or until others are appointed in their places.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Received at this time the following communication from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, which was read to our satisfaction.

Charles Perry on behalf of the representatives to the Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended except one who was prevented by severe indisposition.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly the 6th of 7th month 1877.

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings are received and the representatives therein named are from South Kingstown: Ethan Foster and Samuel Sheffield, from Providence: Jonathan Chace and Jeremiah Foster whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket the 3rd of 2nd month 1880.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named are, from South Kingstown: George Foster and Charles Perry, from Providence: Jeremiah Foster and William F. Wood, whose names being called they are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the usual three from our Monthly Meetings.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly 6th of 5th month 1880.

The account from one of our Monthly Meetings not being present it is concluded to adjourn to [illegible] o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Friends met near the hour adjourned to and the accounts from both of our Monthly Meetings are present, the representatives therein named are from South Kingstown: Daniel [illegible] and Thomas Perry, from Providence, William F. Wood and Jonathan Chace whose names being called they are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries have been read [illegible] meeting followed by answers from our Monthly Meetings which we think descriptive of our present state and the clerk is directed to forward them with a copy of this minute to our Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport on Rhode Island in the 6th month next by our friends Ethan Foster, Jeremiah Foster, Thomas Perry, Jonathan Chace and John [illegible] Foster whom we appoint representatives.

The clerk is directed [illegible] necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting sign them on its behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket the 8th of 8th month 1880.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named are, from South Kingstown: Samuel Sheffield and John W. Foster; from Providence:- Jonathan Chace and William F. Wood whose names being called they are all present except one.

Ethan Foster on behalf of the representatives to the Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly the 8th of 11th Month 1880.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings and the representatives are, from South Kingstown:- Ethan Foster and Daniel Wilbur, from Providence:- Jeremiah Foster and William F. Wood whose names being called they are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meetings.

The subject of appointing clerks for this meeting coming up at this time it is concluded to reappoint Jeremiah Foster for clerk and William F. Wood for assistant clerk for the year ensuing or until others are appointed in their places.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket the 3rd of 2nd Month 551.

We have received accounts from our Monthly Meetings and the representatives are, from South Kingstown, Charles Perry and John W. Foster from Providence, Jeremiah Foster and William F. Wood whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual three from our Monthly Meetings.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly the 5th of 5th Month 551.

Accounts are received from our Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named are from South Kingstown, Samuel Sheffield and Charles Perry from Providence, Jeremiah Foster and Jonathan Chace who are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers from our Monthly Meetings and the following summary has been compiled, and we think is descriptive of our present state, and the clerk is directed to forward it with a copy of this minute to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our Friends Ethan Foster, Charles Perry, Jeremiah Foster, Thomas Perry and Samuel Sheffield whom we appoint our representatives.

Providence Monthly Meeting having by minute requested that, that meeting be dissolved and the members thereof attached to South Kings-

town Monthly Meeting. After a time of deliberation it was concluded to grant this request, and upon the reception of this minute by South Kingstown and Providence Monthly Meetings the latter is accordingly dissolved, and the members annexed to South Kingstown Monthly Meeting and we appoint William F. Wood a committee to receive the books and papers belonging to Providence Monthly Meeting and hand them over with the unfinished business to the clerk of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting and the clerk of this meeting is directed to furnish Providence and South Kingstown Monthly Meetings with a copy of this minute, having the unity of the women's meeting herein.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting, sign them on its behalf and forward to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket the 4th of 8th Month 1881.

The account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting is received and the representatives are Charles Perry and John W. Foster whose names being called they are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meeting.

Chas. Foster on behalf of the representatives to the Yearly Meeting, reports that they all, except one who was prevented by sickness, attended the several sittings of that meeting.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly the 3rd of 11th Month 1881.

An account has been received from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting and the representatives to this meeting are Charles Perry, Samuel Sheffield and Daniel Wilbur whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meeting.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket the 2nd of 2nd Month 1882.

The account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting is received and the representatives to this meeting are Ethan Foster, Thomas Perry and John A. Foster whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first second and tenth from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly the 4th of 5th Month 1882.

The account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting is received and the representatives are Ethan Foster, Samuel Sheffield and Thomas Perry whose names being called they are all present.

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting proposes to change the places of holding that meeting so as to hold it at Hopkinton in the 1st, 4th, 9th and 10th months, and the remaining eight months at Westerly, which being considered by this meeting was united with, and the change is accordingly made.

This meeting unites with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in the appointment of [illegible] Foster and [illegible] Perry to the station of Elders and the clerk is directed to furnish the Select Yearly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting followed by answers from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting and the following are thought to be descriptive of our present state, and the clerk is directed to forward them with a copy of this minute to the ensuing Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport on Rhode Island in the 6th month next by our friends Ethan Foster, Samuel Sheffield, Charles Perry, Jeremiah Foster, Thomas Perry and John W. Foster whom we appoint our representatives to that meeting.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting sign them on its behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 3rd of 8th month 1882.

The account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting is received and the representatives are Ethan Foster and George C. Foster whose names being called they are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first, second and tenth.

Ethan Foster on behalf of the representatives to the Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly the 2nd of 11th month 1882.

The account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting is received and the representatives are [illegible] Daniel [illegible] and [illegible] Foster whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first, second and tenth.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket the first day of 2nd month 1883

The account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting is received and the representatives therein named are George Foster, John W. Foster and George L. Foster whose names being called they are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the usual three.

Jeremiah Foster. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly the 3rd of 5th Month 1883.

An account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting has been received and the representatives to this meeting are Gamaliel Sheffield, Thomas Perry and John T. Wilbur whose names being called they are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers which are thought to be descriptive of our present state and the clerk is directed to forward them with a copy of this minute to the ensuing Yearly Meeting to be held at Newport in Rhode Island in the 6th month next by our friends Charles Perry, George Foster, Ethan Foster, Thomas Perry and Jeremiah Foster whom we appoint our representatives.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting, sign them on its behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

Jeremiah Foster. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket the 2nd of 8th Month 1883.

An account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting has been received and the representatives therein named are Thomas Perry, Jonathan Chace, Ethan Foster and Samuel Sheffield whose names being called they are all present except [illegible].

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first, second and tenth from our Monthly Meeting.

Charles Perry on behalf of the representatives to the Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly 11th Month [illegible] 1883.

An account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting has been received and the representatives therein named are [illegible] Sheffield, Thomas Perry and Jeremiah Foster whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first second and tenth from our Monthly Meeting.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket the 7th of 2nd Month 1884.

The account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting has been received and the representatives are Charles Perry and George Foster whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first second [illegible] from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting.

The two surviving Trustees of the late Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, namely Levi Chase and Thomas P. Nichols, having asked the Quarterly Meeting to approve of their action in selling and conveying the Monthly Meeting's undivided half of the meeting house and lot situated on Mann Avenue in Newport Rhode Island, - This may certify that we acquiesce in the proposed sale of the above named property, and they are left at liberty to sell and convey the same, as in their discretion may seem right and proper.

Having the unity of the Women's Meeting herein, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly 5th Month 1st 1884.

An account from South Kingstown Monthly meeting has been recived and the representatives therein named are Samuel Sheffield, John D. Foster and Thomas Perry whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers from our Monthly Meeting and we think are descriptive of our present state and the clerk is directed to forward them with a copy of this minute to the ensuing Yearly Meeting next to be held at Westerly in Rhode Island in the 6th month next by our Friends Charles Perry, Ethan Foster, Daniel Wilbur, Jeremiah Foster, Samuel Sheffield and George Foster whom we appoint representatives to that meeting.

The clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this meeting, sign them on its behalf and forward them to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives.

The two surviving Trustees appointed by the late Rhode Island Monthly Meeting having again asked advice and assistance from this meeting in relation to the sale of the meeting house on Mann Avenue in Newport Rhode Island, we therefore appoint Thomas Perry, Jeremiah Foster and Samuel Sheffield a committee to advise and assist them in that case.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket the 7th of 8th Month 1884.

The account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting has been received and the representatives to this meeting are George Foster and Thomas Perry whose names being called they are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first second and [illegible] from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting.

Charles Perry on behalf of the representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended except one who was prevented by severe sickness, and that the Yearly Meeting was held to a good degree of satisfaction.

The committee appointed at our last meeting for the purpose of advising and assisting the Trustees of the late Rhode Island Monthly Meeting not being ready to report the case is continued.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly the 6th of 11th Month 1884.

The account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting has been received and the representatives to this meeting are Charles Perry Samuel Sheffield and Jeremiah Foster whose names being called they are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first, second and tenth from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting.

The committee appointed in the fifth month to advise and assist the Trustees of the late Rhode Island Monthly Meeting make the following report—

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

The committee appointed to advise and assist the Trustees appointed by Rhode Island Monthly Meeting to have the care and legal management of its undivided one half of the meeting house and lot situated on Mann Avenue in Newport, in the matter of selling its interest in said house and lot. The committee have had several interviews with the said Trustees, who with their concurrence presented the case to the Supreme Court, which subsequently made the following decision.

That Rhode Island Monthly Meeting of Friends being extinct the Trustees have no power to sell the property as the deed contained no clause of inheritance.

And the Court even suggested that the fee in the property may be vest in the State, but on this point they expressed no decided opinion.

In view of these facts the committee think it advisable to appoint a committee with authority to apply to the Legislature of the State for the passage of an act enabling the Trustees (as now constituted) to sell and transfer the above named property.

On behalf of the committee.

Thomas Perry.

The committee appointed to advise and assist Rhode Island Monthly Meeting's Trustees in the matter of selling their interest in the property described in the minutes of their appointment, [illegible] the foregoing report which having been [illegible] considered was [illegible] with and John [illegible] and George Foster are appointed a committee to apply to the Legislature as proposed therein.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

[illegible] Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Pawtucket the 5th of 2nd Month 1855.

The account from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting has been received and the representatives to this meeting are George Foster and Thomas Perry whose names being called they are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers to the first second and tenth from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting

The committee appointed at our last meeting to apply to the Legislature in regard to the meeting house and lot in Newport report that they have paid some attention to the matter, but not being ready to report in full at this time are therefor continued and desired to report at our next meeting.

William F. Wood,
Assistant Clerk.

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To the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders next to be held at Newport

Dear Friends,

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from South Kingstown Preparative Meeting of Ministers & Elders which we forward to you by our friends John W. Forth, Ethan Forth & Jeremiah Forth whom we appoint our representatives.

Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at Westerly 3d of 5th Mo. 1882.

Chas. Perry Clarke.

Ans. 1st Ministers & Elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship, and generally to take their families with them, We believe they diligently attend meetings for discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

Ans. 2d Ministers, ~~in the exercise~~ of their gifts are thought to be careful to wait for divine ability, & are not burdensome.

Ans. 3d The lives & conversation of Ministers & Elders are thought to be in good degree clean & blameless amongst men. We think they are in unity one with another and with the meeting they belong to, endeavoring to labor together for Truths honor.

Ans. 4th We think they endeavor to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness as queried after, and that they are generally exemplary in these respects themselves.

Ans. 5th We trust they are peacemakers in families, and in the church, and are desirous to maintain the discipline without screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice as faithful servants. Yet there has been one case where the letter of the discipline has not been entirely conformed to.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders

Dear Friends

The Queries have been read at this time with answers thought to describe our present state - which we forward with a copy of this minute to our Quarterly meeting of ministers and Elders next to be held at Pawtucket by our friends Ethan Foster and Anna A. Foster whom we appoint representatives to that meeting.

Extracted from the minutes of South Kingstown Preparative meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly 30th of 7mo 18[illegible]

Charles Perry Clk for this time

Ans 1st Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings for Divine worship - and generally to take their families with them - We believe they diligently attend meetings for discipline encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable -

Ans 2nd Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are thought to be careful to wait for divine ability - and are not burdensome.

Ans 3rd The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men - They appear to be in unity one with another - and the meeting they belong to - Endeavouring in their measure to labor harmoniously together for truth's honor.

Ans 4th They endeavour to rule their own houses well - and

to bring up their families in plainness as queried after
and are good examples in these respects themselves

Ans 5th They are peace makers in families and
in the church endeavoring to maintain the discipline
without screening their own families therefrom
and to administer justice as faithful servants

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders

Dear Friends:

The Queries have been read at this time with answers which we think are descriptive of our present state and we forward these with a copy of this minute to our Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders next to be held at Westerly by our friends Charles Penn, Ethan Foster and Anna A. Foster, whom we appoint representatives to that Meeting.

Extracted from the minutes of South Kingstown Preparative of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly 26th of 10th mo 1852.

John W. Foster Clerk

Ans. 1st Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings of divine worship, taking their families with them. We believe they diligently attend meetings for discipline, encouraging each of their families in this duty as are suitable.

Ans. 2d It is thought that Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are careful to wait for divine ability, and are not burthensome.

Ans. 3d The business and conversation of Ministers and Elders are thought to be in a good degree clean and blameless among men. We trust they are in unity one with another and the meeting they belong to, endeavoring to be together in travailing for Zion's honor.

Ans. 4th. They endeavor to rule their own houses well, and to bring up their families in the plainness which Truth requires in dress language and true moderation, and are believed to be good examples herein themselves.

Ans. 5th. We believe they are peace-makers in families and in the Church endeavoring to maintain the christian, without screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice as faithful servants.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders.

Dear Friends — The queries have been read at this time with answers thought to describe the present state of this Meeting, which we forward with a copy of this minute to our Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders next to be held at Westerly by our friends Ethan Foster and Ann Perry whom we appoint representatives to that Meeting.

Taken from the minutes of South Kingstown Preparative Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at Westerly 29th. of 4th mo. 1883

John H. Foster Clerk

Ans 1st Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship taking their families with them.

They are thought to be dilligent in attending meetings for discipline and we trust encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

Ans 2nd Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are believed to be careful to wait for divine ability and are not burdensome —

Ans 3rd The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders appear to be in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another and the meeting they belong to. Endeavouring though in great weakness to labor together in harmony for truths honor —

Ans 4th We trust they rule their own houses well, and endeavour to bring up their families in the plainness which truth requires in dress language and true moderation. And they appear to be good examples herein themselves.

Ans 5th They are peacemakers in families and in the Church and generally careful to maintain the discipline without screening their own families therefrom. And to administer justice as faithful servants Yet some weakness appears herein —

To Rhode Island Quarterly meeting
of Ministers and Elders

Dear Friends — The Queries
have been read at this time with
answers thought to describe our present
state, which we forward with a copy
of this minute to our Quarterly meeting
of Ministers and Next to be held
at Pawtucket by our friends
Chuckling and John W. Foster
whom we appoint representatives
to that meeting.

Extracted from the minutes of
South Kingstown Preparative Meeting
held at Westerly 28th of [illegible]
1883

[illegible]

Ans 1st Ministers and Elders are careful to attend ~~to attend~~ their meetings for Divine worship taking their families with them: they diligently attend meetings for discipline encouraging such of their families to this duty, as are suitable.

Ans. 2d Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are thought to be careful to wait for Divine ability and ~~are~~ not to be burthensome.

Ans 3d The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are believed to be in good degree clean and blamed as amongst men. They are in unity one with another and the meeting they belong to, [illegible]

Their names to [illegible] in
[illegible] in Truth-lovers.

And, 4th. To train the [illegible]
to [illegible] honor [illegible]
to bring up their families in the
[illegible] which Truth demands
in all [illegible] language and [illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible]
good example [illegible] in [illegible]
Truthfulness.

And, 5th. [illegible]
[illegible] in families. And in the
[illegible]
children [illegible]
their own families [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
weakness [illegible].

To Rhode Island Quarterly
meeting of Ministers and Elders.
Dear Friends

The Queries have been read at this time, with answers thought nearly to describe our present state which we forward with a copy of this minute to our Quarterly meeting of Ministers and Elders next to be held at Westerly by our friends Elisa G. Sheffield, Jeremiah Foster and Ethan Foster, whom we appoint representatives to that meeting.

Taken from the minutes of South Kingstown Preparative meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Hopkinton 22nd of 10th. Mo. 1883

John W. Foster Clerk

Ans. 1st Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their Meetings for divine worship bringing their families with them. They diligently attend meetings for discipline, and we trust, encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

Ans. 2d Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are thought to be careful to wait for divine ability and not to be burthensome.

Ans. 3d The lives and Conversation of Ministers and Elders are believed to be in good degree clean and blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another and the Meeting they belong to, endeavoring to labor together in harmony for Truth's honor.

Ans. 4th. We trust they
rule their own houses well, and
endeavor to bring up their families
in the plainness which truth
requires in dress language and
true moderation; and they appear
to be good examples in these
respects themselves.

Ans. 5th. We believe they are
peace makers in families and
the church, and endeavor to
maintain the discipline without
screening their own families
therefrom and administer justice
as faithful servants; yet some
weakness appears herein.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of ministers and elders,

Dear Friends,

The queries have been read in this meeting, with answers thereto as discriptive of our present state, which we forward with a copy of this minute to our Quarterly Meeting of ministers and elders next to be held at Pawtucket by our friends Ethan Foster and Charles Perry whom we appoint representatives to that meeting.

Extracted from the minutes of South Kingstown Preparative Meeting of ministers and elders, held at Westerly on the 3d of 2d month 1884.

Charles Perry Clerk for this time.

Ans. 1st. Our members, are we think careful to attend all meetings for religious worship, bringing their families with them. Also, to attend meetings for discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

Ans. 2d. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts, are we think careful to wait for Divine help, and are not burdensome.

Ans. 3d. The lives and conversation of ministers and elders are believed to be clean and blameless amongst men, they are in unity one with another, and with the meetings they belong to, endeavoring to labor harmoniously together for truth's honor.

Ans. 4th We believe they rule their own houses well, striving to bring up their families in plainness in dress, language, and true moderation, and that they are good examples in these respects themselves.

Ans. 5th They are peace-makers in families and in the church, and have a care to maintain the discipline, not to screen their own families therefrom, and to administer justice as faithful servants.

at Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at Pawtucket on the 6th day of the 2nd mo. 1884

An account has been received from South Kingstown Preparative Meeting of Ministers & Elders by which it appears that our Friends Esther Foster & Charles Perry are the representatives of this meeting whose names being called, they are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the answers from South Kingstown Preparative Meeting of Ministers & Elders —

Jeremiah Foster on behalf of the Committee appointed to have the oversight of meetings at the time of our last Quarterly Meeting reports that both of the Committee attended. That nothing occurred to call for official notice — That it was felt to be a good meeting — and that Charles Perry & Esther Foster were appointed to a similar service for the present time — and they are desired to report at our next meeting —

Charles Perry Clerk